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Stark's Golden Delicious

THE PROOF OF ITS GREATNESS

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"THE MOST REMARKABLE FOUR-YEAR-OLD TREE IN THE WORLD"

That is what one nationally known horticulturist said about this tree in the orchard of Mr. Albert Beam. This enormous "barrel-filling" crop of large apples was the **third successive crop** since planting four years ago. Mr. Beam, the owner, said: "Stark's Golden Delicious is the **only kind** to plant—the best variety I know of for profit—doing better than any other variety. **They bring the highest prices** on the market today."



Stark's Golden Delicious Apple Book

**Written By America's Orchardists and
Horticulturists Themselves**

And compiled for you from the experience of 50,000 growers and hundreds of leading horticulturists. Never before such a unity of endorsement. A fact which you will appreciate.

You cannot hesitate now to plant Stark's Golden Delicious in a commercial way. The evidence of profit and universal success is here before you.

Compiled by Department of Research of
Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co.
Louisiana, Missouri

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Stark's Golden Delicious



25,000 TREE ORCHARD—MOSTLY STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS

Here is a partial view of "Big Buffalo" Orchards, personally owned by Lloyd Stark and Paul Stark. Trees only 18 months old when this photo was taken. 15,000 Stark's Golden Delicious trees are growing wonderfully in this orchard.

"We Practice What We Preach"

If a man "practices what he preaches" you have a **right** to have more **faith** in the doctrine he preaches. Herein we "preach" in favor of the practice of planting Stark's Golden Delicious trees. Above we show one of the many orchards where we "practice what we preach."

This is an orchard that is the **personal investment** of our Vice-President, Lloyd Stark and our Treasurer, Paul Stark. If the rows of Stark's Golden Delicious trees in this great orchard were placed end to end, they would reach **over 90 miles**.

5000 Planted in 1919—10,000 More Last Fall

Their orchard now is a little over 3 years old. When it was set out, 5,000 Stark's Golden Delicious were planted, together with a large block of Stark Delicious and a few other apple varieties. After taking a 7,000 mile auto tour through the leading orchard sections of America, and seeing the wonderful opportunity for big profits in growing high quality fruit, they returned and planted **10,000 more** Stark's Golden Delicious.

Remember, in this orchard, Lloyd and Paul Stark's **own money** is involved. They are so **convinced** that Stark's Golden Delicious is **THE** coming **GREATEST MONEY MAKER** for orchardists that they have invested more money in this one variety twice over than in all other varieties combined. They **KNOW** it is the **Coming Commercial Late Keeping Yellow Winter Apple**—and that the big markets will take **ALL** of these apples at top market prices.

Stark Bro's Also Planted Seven Orchards in Six States

This is only **one** of the instances proving that Stark Bro's are practicing what they preach about Stark's Golden Delicious. In our orchard holdings in Northern and Southern Missouri, Arkansas, New York, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, we have planted large orchards of Stark's Golden Delicious.

We figure that what is good enough for us to recommend to the fruit growers of America, is good enough for us to plant in our own orchards. We believe these Golden Delicious orchard plantings are the best investments we ever made.

Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co.

The Profit Maker

Stark's Golden Delicious Will Be The Fortune Maker Of The Future For Fruit Growers

Go where you will in America's apple-raising section and you will find that the above is the prevailing belief and **CONVICTION** of the shrewd, the successful orchardists who have vision.

They will tell you that there is no doubt but that Stark's Golden Delicious will sell right alongside of Stark Delicious, in the same markets at the same time **at the same top-market prices.**

Bring Big Prices

Where Stark's Golden Delicious apples are on the markets, they are selling at prices that rival those received by Stark Delicious growers.

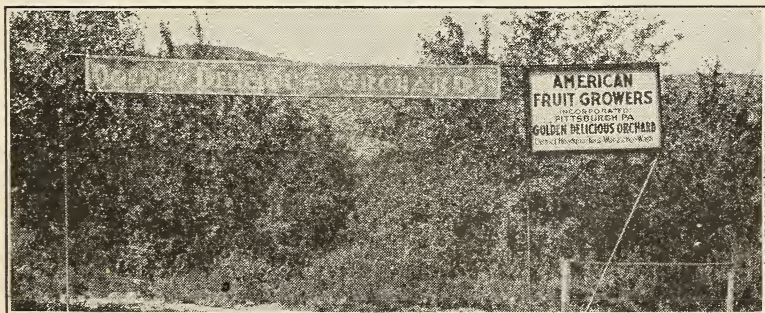
J. L. Webster, the noted Wenatchee grower, **received \$5.00 per bushel** for Stark's Golden Delicious, f. o. b. his station. He says "It is a winner because it is a strong grower, **heavy bearer**, does not drop as do some varieties. Keeping quality equal to old Winesap." J. A. Waters, the well known Idaho grower, gets \$5.00 a bushel for his Stark's Golden Delicious, also.

By having such apples as Stark Delicious and Stark's Golden Delicious in an orchard, the owner is enabled to **get bigger prices for the rest of his crop.** The buyers are anxious to get the Delicious and Golden Delicious and will take the entire crop to get these higher quality varieties.

Praise From World's Largest Orchard Co., That Produces The Apples

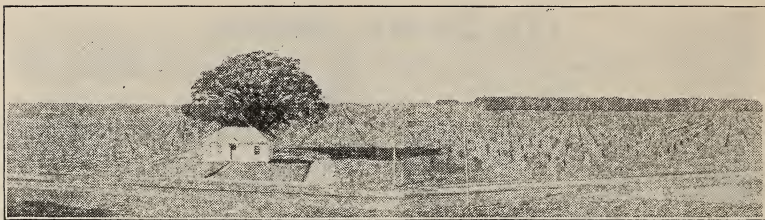
The American Fruit Growers, Inc., the largest apple raisers in the world, have planted Stark's Golden Delicious and have one great orchard which has been given the title, "**GOLDEN DELICIOUS ORCHARD**". This great orchard institution, through its Regional Supervisor, Mr. Earl Barnhill, makes this statement:—

"The Stark's Golden Delicious variety of apple tree is a **fine bearing type** and I believe will prove a **very heavy producer.** The apple it bears is one of **wonderful quality, attractive appearance and a good keeper.**"



ORCHARD OWNED BY FAMOUS \$50,000,000.00 CONCERN

Stark's Golden Delicious Orchards owned by American Fruit Growers (Inc.) of Pittsburgh, Pa. This great Orchard Co.—the Largest in the World, \$50,000,000.00 Capital—think so much of Stark's Golden Delicious that their finest orchard is named in its honor.



Last year, after careful and thorough investigation by two of the best posted practical orchardists of America, C. J. Tyson, General Manager, and Prof. W. M. Scott Production Manager, of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., that organization topworked a large number of their undesirable varieties—and the apple selected was **Stark's Golden Delicious**.

2500 Stark's Golden Delicious Planted In One Orchard

One of the big new apple orchards recently visited by us was the 1100 acre orchard planted to Stark Trees by the great Seabrook Farms Co., Bridgeton, N. J. (the big concern that now has over 2,000 acres in truck garden.)

This one firm bought and planted **2500 Stark's Golden Delicious** trees in 1919 and over 60,000 other Stark Trees in 2 years. They knew what they were doing—and why they were doing it—for, before their superintendent decided on what apple trees to plant or what nursery to buy those trees from, he visited and inspected practically every orchard section and most of the nurseries in the country. As soon as they saw our Stark mountain grown apple trees, with the propagating secrets of over 107 years' experience behind them, **they decided to buy STARK TREES** and have stuck to them year after year.

This concern realizes that this great golden apple is **the greatest money-making yellow apple ever introduced**. They are getting ready to fill the tremendous demand for a big, perfect, spicy flavored, long-keeping yellow apple.

Planted 5000 More Stark's Golden Delicious After Planting 500 Year Before

The B. G. Pratt Orchard Co., of Delaware, is owned largely by B. G. Pratt, famous as the maker of Scalecide. There are more than 600 acres in this splendid fruit-raising tract.

Two years ago, Mr. Pratt planted 500 Stark's Golden Delicious trees.

This past year he planted 5000 more!

The owners are making this 100-acre planting of Stark's Golden Delicious **exclusively** because they have investigated and are firmly convinced that this is the **most profitable golden apple to plant now!**

Hundreds of other far-seeing commercial orchardists have **planted commercial orchards** of Stark's Golden Delicious in all sections.

Like all thoughtful farmers, they know that there are 115,172,377 fewer bearing fruit trees than 10 years ago. They know that though corn is down to 60 cents a bushel—apples are still selling at \$8.00 a barrel. Most any corn land that produces 50 bushels of corn will produce 200 barrels of apples. Briefly, one acre in corn (50 bushels at 60c) brings \$30.00 an acre. Planted to fruit trees, averaging 3 barrels a tree at even as low as \$6.00 a barrel, **the same land brings \$900 an acre.**

We Predict That This Apple Will Break All Price-Records In The Markets

Remember—25 years ago we predicted record-prices for Stark Delicious the King of all red apples. Our prophecy was doubted by some—then. But—what has happened?

In every market, every year, Stark Delicious leads all the rest in wholesale and retail prices.

The season just past is typical of this condition of the markets—and this willingness of the public to pay the highest prices for highest quality apples, like Stark Delicious.

Listen to this big New York grower—Dudley A. Palmer, Ulster Co., New York. He writes:—

"I sold all my Stark Delicious, grown on your **ORIGINAL TREE** Strain trees, for \$5.00 per bushel wholesale, when fancy McIntosh sold, on the same market, for \$5.00 per barrel." At the same time, many of his neighbors were getting only \$2.50 per barrel for their best Baldwins.

The same season, A. A. Marshall, the famous Massachusetts orchardist, was selling his Stark Delicious from his 600 bearing trees for \$7.00 a bushel.

And—C. L. Witherell, one of Vermont's leading orchardists who has several thousand Stark Delicious trees, wrote:—

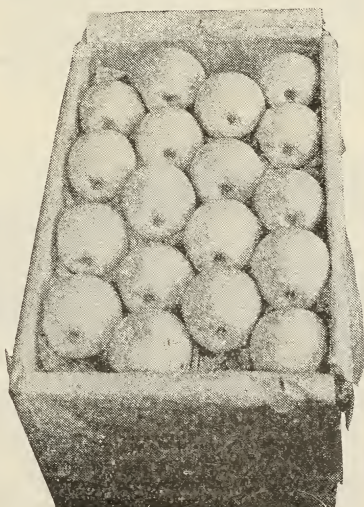
"Just shipped my last carload of Stark Delicious to New York. Got \$6.00 per bushel for Stark Delicious. Special fancy, \$8.00 per box." That was when Baldwins, etc. were selling for \$2.50 to \$3.50 per barrel.

Demand Greatest In History

The fact that Stark's Golden Delicious is the natural team-mate of Stark Delicious and has an equally wonderful aroma and flavor together with simply marvelous keeping quality, is enabling Stark's Golden Delicious to duplicate Stark Delicious history.

The further fact that we will continue to advertise the Stark's Golden Delicious apple in a BIG way, will stimulate the demand, strengthen it and ABSOLUTELY ASSURE HIGH MARKET PRICES to growers of this apple.

Even though much has already been done to create this demand, the work has hardly been started compared to what will be accomplished. Stark Bro's have already begun arrangements to provide every fruit dealer and fruit stand proprietor (the men who buy and sell the country's fruit crop) in the United States with full information as to the advantages and superior qualities of the Golden Delicious, thereby creating at the main source a tremendous demand for the fruit which the wise and far-seeing orchardists will be prepared to ship.



A BOX OF
STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS

A typical box of Stark's Golden Delicious from orchards of J. L. Webster, Chelan Co., Wash., one of the leading and most progressive growers of the Northwest, in perfect condition after 2500 mile trip in ordinary boxes.

"Unbeatable Combination"

"A Really Good Thing Combined With Publicity"

When we first introduced Stark's Golden Delicious, Joseph Gerardi, the noted Illinois apple judge, enthusiastically declared: —

"The public has long been clamoring for a long-keeping yellow apple. You now have it in Stark's Golden Delicious."

How true this has proved to be!

No other variety has been so quickly recognized and so eagerly planted in large quantities by orchardists as Stark's Golden Delicious.

They KNOW that the trend of public demand is toward quality apples—and away from poor-flavored, inferior varieties, like, for instance, Ben Davis—"that red cheeked fraud."

Big Market Demand Created by Publicity

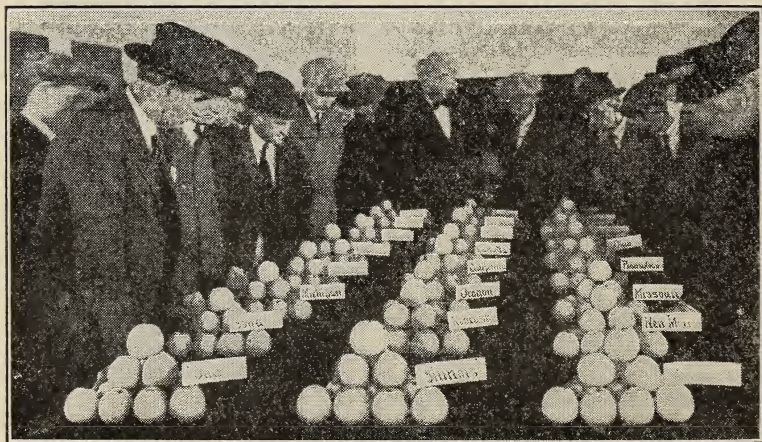
The markets show this most emphatically. Benjamin Wallace Douglass, the noted horticultural editor and author (whose articles appear regularly in Country Gentleman) hammered home this truth when he declared in his recent book, "Fruit Growing":—

"I prefer to plant a variety of fruit that either has a market or will be sufficiently advertised that its market will be made for it.

"This situation is admirably illustrated in the case of Stark Delicious. To begin with, it was a good apple, but IF its introducers had not backed it up with a tremendous campaign of national advertising, it would not be today the leading market apple of America.

"If you doubt that it IS the leading market apple, I would only refer you to any government market report—they are published daily—where you can look up the figures for yourself.

"Without exception you will find this variety (Stark Delicious) selling for more money than any other sort listed. Its success is due to that unbeatable combination of a really good thing combined with the right kind of publicity."



STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS FROM 20 STATES

—The Big Feature at Great Exposition

Here is just part of the wonderful exhibit of Stark's Golden Delicious at Midwest Horticultural Exposition, held in Council Bluffs, Iowa, last Fall. Stark's Golden Delicious from over 20 different states are on show here.

"Will Give Best Financial Returns"

Hon. Thomas Riggs, who is a noted fruit grower of Iowa and also Horticultural Editor of *The American Poultry Journal* asserts:—

"A commercial orchard of **STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS**, Stark Delicious and Black Ben will give the best financial returns."

And—among hundreds of other orchardists of highest standing in fruit circles, Mr. A. D. VanCleve, the well-known Western New York orchardist, makes the prophecy:—

"Stark's Golden Delicious apples will command the **Highest Market Prices**. It is an apple of very high quality!"

You Will Benefit By The Tremendous National Demand For Stark's Golden Delicious Apples Created By Our Advertising And Publicity

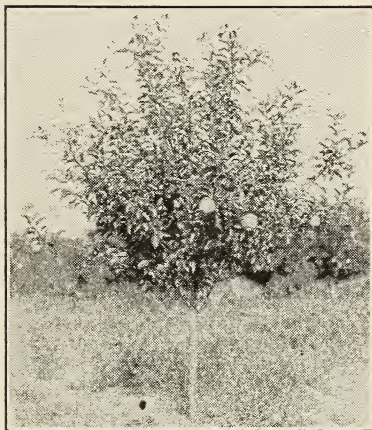
Every month, at the time this booklet is being printed, 9,000,000 (Nine Million) families are reading our big 2 and 3-color back cover ads, page ads, ½ page ads in the foremost National publications—weeklies and monthlies that blanket the entire country.

These ads tell and retell the merits of Stark's Golden Delicious apples. They show them, great, big, glowing golden apples in their natural colors. They are **creating a tremendous demand** and will continue to add and add to the demand for Stark's Golden Delicious apples.

Growers of this variety of trees are benefitted by this publicity-demand building force. They will benefit more and more as the years go by and the crops from their Stark's Golden Delicious trees increase.

Growing Demand—50% More Profitable

As the publicity and advertising continues to grow and this variety is kept constantly before the public, the demand for Stark's Golden Delicious apples is growing faster and greater than orchardists can meet. We believe that the growers will net 50% or more per bushel from the Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious than any other apples. As one orchard man said—"These two varieties will be a gold mine for the wise ones who plant them now".



"BEATS THEM ALL—WISH HAD PLANTED 4000"

"I certainly wish we had 4000 trees of Stark's Golden Delicious apple. And while we have about 1000 Stark Delicious, our greatest regret is that we did not plant 10 times as many. We have no apple that compares with it as a market favorite. Here they sell readily for double the prices of the old kinds. It requires no more space and overhead to produce Stark Delicious and the profit returns are double and more."—Don E. Minor, Kent Co., Mich.

Big Export Market for Stark's Golden Delicious

In relation to the English market, I am convinced that the **Golden Delicious** will be a good export seller, and should replace the Pippin, Grimes Golden and some of those other yellow varieties. I believe the export market will improve as time goes on and then we are bound to have a good export apple market. Last season I was very successful with the English markets.—H. L. Frost, Ex-President, Mass. Fruit Growers Ass'n.

A Noteworthy Apple

"Quality Plus Heavy Bearing Equals Greatest Profits"
"Splendid Opportunity for the Late Keeping Yellow Apple"

By C. I. Lewis

C. I. Lewis, Managing Editor American Fruit Grower, is the one man in America whose experience has included leadership in fundamental scientific horticultural development, large commercial marketing of fruit, practical handling of commercial orchards, and editing a leading fruit journal. As Chief in Horticulture, Oregon State Agri. Experiment Station, he wrote, or had under his direction, the publication of a large number of fundamental horticultural bulletins and the men who received their training under him are now in charge of horticultural work in many of the leading agricultural colleges and experiment stations of the United States. The modified leader type of pruning, as originated by Prof. Lewis, has revolutionized former ideas of pruning and is being accepted by practical orchardists throughout the country. Prof. Lewis organized and directed commercial fruit growers marketing associations that marketed millions of bushels of fruit annually. He has studied fruit marketing and orchard conditions in every section of the United States—during the past year having covered 25,000 miles studying market and orchard conditions. His experience in developing his own orchards and his knowledge of conditions throughout the United States enables him to speak in every issue of his publication in a practical and scientific manner which guides the million readers of the American Fruit Grower. No man is better fitted to pass on the commercial value of a new fruit than is C. I. Lewis.

The profitable apple varieties of the future must have two characteristics, quality and yield, because the equation, **quality plus yield, equals profit**. When we have quality plus young bearing, plus consistent heavy bearing, equation equals the greatest profit. **The Golden Delicious comes under this formula.**

This variety comes into bearing very young and seemingly is a heavy, consistent bearer as noted in the orchards already established and in trees whose grafts have been for years and are now **bearing annually heavy crops of large Golden Delicious**. The tree has an additional good character, namely, vigor, which will enable it to produce heavy yields. It is a late bloomer another remarkable asset because with the late bloomers we can often cheat our old enemy Jack Frost.

Remarkable Storage Qualities

In addition to being of superb quality, the variety has a delightful aroma. Its storage characteristics to me are remarkable. I have seen specimens of this variety brought out of cold storage in May still retaining its delightful aroma and juiciness of flesh and the snap unusual in apples at that season of the year. **I have never seen this variety show a particle of storage scald** which is so bad with Grimes and many other yellow sorts.

Years ago we did not plant enough apples which matured in late summer and early fall. Now perhaps we have about overdone the planting of those apples in some sections and we are realizing too late that we overlooked the advantage of the late maturing and late keepers for they come on the market when apples are scarce and **prices are high**.

Yellow Apples Mean High Quality

Did you ever stop to think how quality is correlated with yellow apples, how extremely rare it is to find a poor yellow apple? Think of the Maiden Blush, Tolman Sweet, Grimes Golden, Ortley, Winter Banana, and Yellow Newtown, all either very good for cooking or eating or both; and now we have the **Golden Delicious** and the American public now realizes that yellow apples mean high quality. By watching the market reports, you will observe that yellow apples bring high prices—possibly because **the public knows that yellow apples are good to eat.**

The Proof of Its Greatness

Advantages Over Other Sorts

The Golden Delicious seems to have an important advantage over those already named as it evidently can be grown in a **wide area** whereas those varieties named are somewhat restricted in the areas in which they can be grown commercially. I have seen Golden Delicious produced in Oregon, Washington, in the middle west and similar states and on the Atlantic seacoast in New York state and I have examined specimens of the fruit grown in many other states and all that I have seen **retained the desirable characteristics described**. If I add to my orchard holdings, I shall certainly plant heavily of Golden Delicious.

No other apple has received such quick approval by both the orchard men and the state horticulturists. The big advertising and publicity campaigns of the Company introducing this variety have never before been equalled and as a result, a tremendous public interest has been created—thereby establishing a good market for the fruit growers who will produce this variety. The advertising and publicity given any particular variety are tremendous forces that should be considered by the orchardist in selecting his varieties.

The Golden Delicious is a **note-worthy contribution** to American pomology and it is a fit companion of the red Delicious. We read in our mythology how the ancients sought the Golden apple of the Hesperides. How sad to think they could not live until our generation for today in the Golden Delicious we truly have a Golden apple of the Hesperides.

Meet All Requirements

To follow these earlier apples, the fruit growers and the public have long wanted a late-keeping yellow apple, one that will retain its juiciness and good flavor late in the spring, and will not scald in storage. Golden Delicious fulfills these requirements as it is the only late-keeping, high-quality yellow apple that has the **barrel filling ability** that is necessary for best profits.

E. J. Lewis

always been considered standard quality. It has been a big money-maker. However, it soon becomes mealy and loses its flavor. It (Grimes Golden) also shows cold storage scald badly. Nevertheless the markets knowing that yellow apples are high quality pay high prices for them.

Wonderful Opportunity For Late Keeping Yellow Apples

The public wants quality, and most all of the old yellow apples were of high quality. Furthermore, the golden yellow color makes a pleasing variation on a market that is over-run with red apples. Years ago the old-time yellow varieties like Bellflower, Newtown Pippin, Golden Russett, and other favorites brought top prices and were the favorites of the apple-consuming public but most of these old-time varieties because of shy bearing tendency and other unsatisfactory tree characteristics have dropped out. The Golden Delicious will fill this **big demand**.

Furthermore, the English market is very partial to yellow apples and the export trade will furnish a **splendid opening** for Stark's Golden Delicious.

Yellow apples are among the **highest priced varieties** on present day markets. The famous Albemarle Pippin of Virginia is a high priced favorite of the American markets as well as England. It succeeds only in a few sections and, therefore, the supply is limited. Winter Banana is a variety that always sells near the top of the market. It, however, is tender and bruises very easily, the spots showing discolorations. Grimes Golden at its best in the fall is a high flavored apple and has



BEARS 5 BUSHELS—SELL FOR \$25

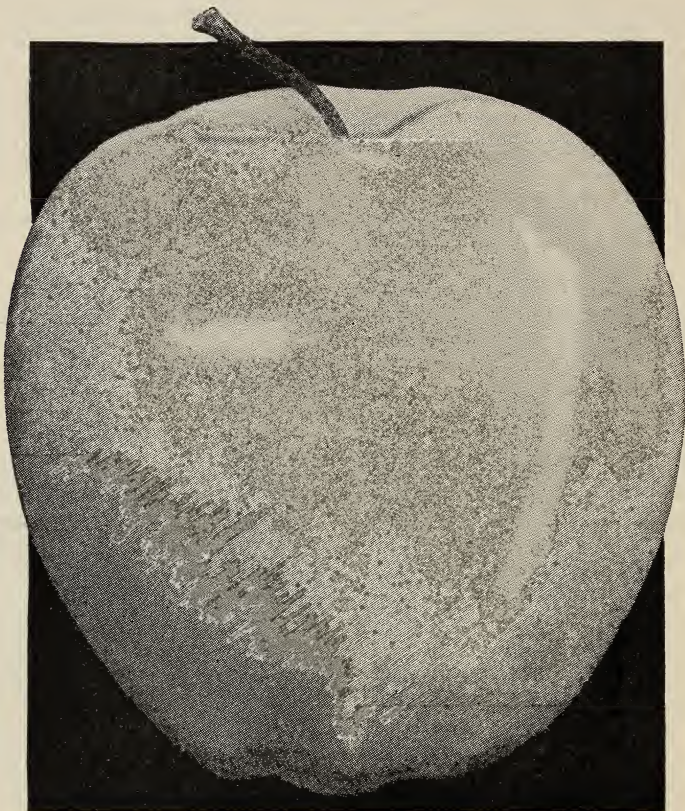
This is a Stark's Golden Delicious, top-worked 5 years ago. It bore 5 boxes fancy apples last year in famous Webster Orchards, Chelan Co., Wash., and the fruit brought \$5.00 per bushel.

The Universal Favorite

The \$5,000 Yellow Apple That Is A Sensation Everywhere

Despite the almost universal acclamation given by the Nation's leading scientific horticulturists and practical orchardists to this famous yellow apple which has created a sensation all over the United States, there are many thousands of persons who are unaware of the **remarkable combination of qualities** possessed by this apple and the tree that bears it.

Below we present positive claims that we make for this apple and this variety of tree, so that all may know just what both are.



ACTUAL SIZE, VERY LARGE, BRILLIANT GOLDEN YELLOW

"The showiest apple eastern buyers ever saw" says S. Wilson, owner 750-acre orchard.

Growers Give Strongest Praise to Fruit and Tree

Should you have the slightest doubt of any of these claims, we refer you to actual statements made by actual growers of this variety, printed elsewhere in this book. You will see that these growers claim more for Stark's Golden Delicious than we do. These men have no interest in boosting this variety. They do so simply out of their sense of fairness and in recognition of the **fulfillment of a long felt want**. They have profited by planting Stark's Golden Delicious trees and they would like to see others profit by doing likewise.

Very Large—Fine Finish

This is indeed a remarkable yellow apple. **Unusually large**, waxen golden yellow—with a rich, alluring beauty that tempts the buyer and **commands remarkably high prices**. \$5.00 per bu. is the price being paid—and the apples are so good that many sellers are reluctant to let go, even at \$5.00 per bushel. A great commercial and "family" apple—tasted once, always wanted.

Average about **50 to 75 per cent larger than Grimes Golden** grown under ordinary conditions—and even superior in flavor to Grimes and a **much later keeper**. It is a glossy golden yellow apple, slightly conical (the ideal shape for packing)—somewhat like Stark Delicious (red). Flesh is rich, creamy yellow, a faint tint of orange—crisp, firm, with a sparkling tang-ful flavor and alluring aroma much resembling that of a great glorious pear, a combination of mild sweetness and spicy acidness that **pleases everybody**.

Marvelous Late Keeper

It is the **one yellow apple** superior to Grimes because it has more spiciness than Grimes. The Grimes is fine as a fall and early winter apple—but Stark's Golden Delicious is a **marvelously late keeper**. "I have never eaten an apple coming out of storage this late (July) which retained so fully its normal crisp texture," writes Prof. J. C. Whitten, for 25 years Dean of Horticulture, Missouri State College of Agriculture, later State Horticulturist of California.

Heavy Crops but Big Size

Stark's Golden Delicious is a **large apple**. Even in spite of the **tremendous crops** borne on trees of this variety, it, nevertheless, attains good large commercial size where many other commercial varieties with crops as heavy as Golden Delicious would only reach small size.

Best for Dessert—A Fine Cooking Apple, too

Stark's Golden Delicious, on account of its spicy flavor, is a splendid cooking apple, being excellent for baking, pies and sauce.

The seconds of the crop can be sold at a profitable figure for cooking purposes or to canneries and dryers.

The late Prof. S. A. Beach, author of "Apples of New York", who was the highest apple authority in America, said—"Golden Delicious is **VERY GOOD for Culinary Purposes**."

Cider made from this variety has a rich, spicy flavor that is of the highest quality.

Originators Modest Claims

Statement Of The Originator Of Stark's Golden Delicious Made To Stark Bro's Years Ago.

This apple ripens along with the other late winter apples. They keep fine and do not rot, remaining crisp and nice until late spring. I found some in my cellar in May, sound and nice. I am sure this tree is a seedling, because it stands on my farm, which has been in the hands of our family for forty years. The tree is now only about nine years old and to my knowledge has borne big crops for the past four years. I don't know how many crops it bore before then.

Last year the tree bore twelve bushels of fine fruit, and this year it has a good crop although the rest of my orchard and neighboring orchards are failures. Four years ago there were no apples in this country, but this tree had a full crop. Blossoms very hardy—never failed to bear.

(Signed) A. H. Mullins

The Trail of The Golden Apple

By Paul Stark

For 20 years all the Starks had searched for a large late keeping yellow apple as good in quality and as satisfactory as Stark Delicious.

The first "clue" came to us one April day some years ago. Three wonderful yellow apples reached us from a West Virginia mountaineer-orchardist—who wrote it was a new, heretofore unknown, variety.

The second "clue" was discovered when my brother, Lloyd C. Stark, bit into one of the golden apples. The flavor amazed him. They looked like Grimes Golden—but tasted like Stark Delicious! They were shaped more like Stark Delicious. And they were **in perfect condition in April!** Grimes would have been rotted and gone months before.

Our experts were summoned. All were given a "taste". The enthusiastic commotion that resulted could have only one parallel in our over-a-century of history

That fall the writer started on "The Trail of the Golden Apple."

A 1,000-mile railroad trip, plus a 20-mile horseback ride through West Virginia mountain wilds, brought me to the farm of Mr. A. H. Mullins, on whose place this golden apple tree had grown—no one knew how.

Back of the house I saw an orchard. But—here came the dismal disappointment! Every tree I could see was nothing but wild seedlings—miserable runts.

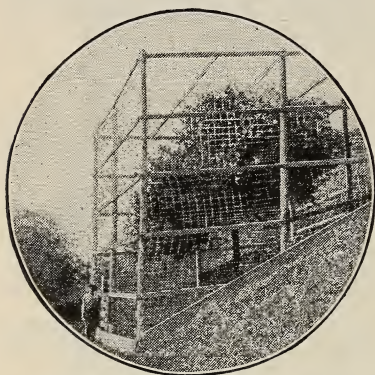
Dejected and sick at heart, I turned around to leave—when—I saw it.

There, looming forth in the midst of the small, leafless, barren trees, was a tree with rich green foliage that looked as if it had been transported from the Garden of Eden.

That tree's boughs were bending to the ground beneath a tremendous crop of great glorious, glowing golden apples.

I started for it on the run. A fear bothered me, "Suppose it's just a Grimes Golden tree after all!" I came closer and I saw the apples were **50 per cent larger than Grimes Golden.** I plucked one and bit into its crisp, tender, juicy-laden flesh. Eureka! I had found it. The long sought for perfect yellow apple had been discovered. The "Trail of the Golden Apple" had reached a successful end.

And, just as I had eaten my apple, core and all, I turned to see Mr. Mullins, with a "I-told-you-so" smile on his face, climbing the hill to welcome me.



THE \$5,000.00 TREE IN A CAGE

This is a complete view of the Original Stark's Golden Delicious tree—in its burglar-alarm, protected cage, on a West Virginia mountain. We paid \$5,000.00 for the tree.

—that being the time when Stark Delicious, the King of All Red Apples, was discovered by C. M. Stark.

One apple was sent to Col. Brackett, late U. S. Pomologist at Washington, D. C. Friends present at the time told us how the Colonel came hurrying into the office, a little slab of this wonderful yellow apple perched on his knife blade, exclaiming, "Taste this! Here's an apple with an **even better flavor than Grimes Golden.**" He wrote us glowing praises.

A Prophecy and A Warning

By E. W. Stark

Note—When we first introduced Stark's Golden Delicious, we made this prophecy and gave this warning. Over 75,000 shrewd growers heeded our words and planted Stark's Golden Delicious. Thousands of acres are now set in Stark's Golden Delicious all over America. A few years hence and the forethought of these growers will be abundantly rewarded. We reprint this article for your benefit—if you have not already planted Stark's Golden Delicious. Read Don Minor's (famous Mich. Orchardist) warning on page 7.

"Twenty-six years ago we prophesied that Stark Delicious would bring unheard-of prices to orchardists who planted these trees generously.

"We warned orchardists that he who hesitated in planting Stark Delicious would be the loser. And that he who planted other varieties, to the exclusion of a generous planting of Stark Delicious, would be a sorry man.

"How true this proved to be! Even as prosperous an orchardist as Judge Adam Thompson, De Kalb County, Missouri, says regretfully:

"When my 30-acre orchard was started I listened to too much neighborly advice and planted too many different sorts. I have received big prices for my fruit because my Stark Delicious trees sold the crop. I have always refused to sell the Stark Delicious by themselves and would only let them go when the entire orchard's crop was taken.

"But if I had thirty acres all of Stark Delicious I would consider it worth \$2,000 per acre. When planting this orchard if I had decided to plant three-quarters of it to Stark Delicious it would today be worth three times the biggest price offered for it."

Our Present Prophecy

is that Stark's Golden Delicious will be as big a money maker for orchardists as Stark Delicious.

"The orchardist who will plant Stark's Golden Delicious generously will reap a wonderful reward a very few years from now. The orchardists who go in for raising Stark's Golden Delicious in earnest and plant abundantly now, and beat their neighbor orchardists to it, are going to make the most money. Stark's Golden Delicious, on the late spring markets, will have no competition because there is no other high quality late keeping yellow apple."

Will You Be Ready To Answer?

The fruit buyers of the future will ask—"How many bushels of Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious will you have? Then I can tell you if I can take your whole crop and the price—but we must have all of these two varieties."

How will you be able to answer that question? Will you have a good big supply of these high-priced apples that are always in big demand with buyers.



BEARS 12 SUCCESSIVE CROPS

Photo shows enormous crop borne by Stark's Golden Delicious. The twelfth successive crop of this 16-yr.-old tree. This crop alone netted over 35 bushels of these big glorious apples. This tree has repeatedly borne crops when all others failed."

The Supreme Court of Fruit World

American Pomological Society Awards Wilder Medal

What the Supreme Court is to United States law, the American Pomological Society is to American fruit and horticulture—the **Final Highest Authority**. This Society has occupied this eminent position for over 75 years.

Now—this great body of scientists and horticulturists gave several years ago to Stark Golden Delicious the **highest tribute** ever granted to an apple since the introduction of Stark Delicious—the only Wilder Silver Medal with one exception ever awarded to an apple in the last 35 years. This Medal was “struck off” on the massive presses of the United States Mint, by special order, and is now in our possession.



REWARDED THE WILDER MEDAL

The Wilder Silver Medal is the Nobel Prize of the fruit world. It was provided for by a Trust Fund left in 1886 by the late Marshall P. Wilder, Scientist and Pomologist, who was President of the American Pomological Society for 38 years—with instructions that it was to be awarded to a fruit only after exhaustive investigation had produced proof of that fruit's supreme merit. This medal made by U. S. Mint.

THE OFFICIAL AWARD LETTER

American Pomological Society
Office of The Treasurer

Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co.,
Louisiana, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

With this I am sending you the Wilder Silver Medal awarded to you for the Golden Delicious apple exhibited by you at the meeting of this Society held at St. Louis last month.

I do not know when I have seen an apple with which I have been so much pleased and with its early bearing habit and general productiveness it should take a place well at the head of the list of the high-class commercial sorts.

Yours very truly,
L. R. TAFT,

Nation's Leaders Award Medal

To **YOU** who may have been waiting to see Stark's Golden Delicious “prove itself,” here is the evidence of the esteem in which this superb fruit, and the tree that bears it, is held by the foremost pomological experts horticulturists and orchardists.

They watched the development, testing the success of this great, big, glowing golden apple for years before giving it this Supreme Honor.

On the Committee on the Wilder Medal Award were such eminently conservative authorities as

Prof. C. P. Close, Official Pomologist U. S. Dep't of Agri., Washington D.C.

Prof. W. J. Green, State Horticulturist, Ohio Exp. Sta., Wooster, Ohio.

Prof. N. E. Hansen, State Horticulturist, North Dak. Exp. Sta.

Gathered with these men and concurring in their unanimous verdict in favor of Stark's Golden Delicious, were such noted figures as Dr. Liberty H. Bailey, Dean of New York College of Agriculture, Cornell University, and author of the world famous “Standard Encyclopaedia of American Horticulture”—and horticulturist and fruit experts from practically every Horticultural College and Exp. Sta.



A FEW NOTED HORTICULTURISTS WHO INSPECTED STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS

These men also visited our great apple tree nurseries in the Ozark Mountain region and were astonished at the magnificent growth in that ideal apple soil and climate.

The Pilgrimage of National Leaders

Make Trip to Inspect Bearing Stark's Golden Delicious

For days they arrived on every train. Many from over 1,000 miles away. They came as independent Scientific men—College Professors—State Experiment Station men—Government Bureau men—Horticultural Editors—Successful Orchardists, all anxious to see these remarkable yellow apple trees with their own eyes. Their inspection impressed and convinced them beyond all doubt that here was the **Most Wonderful Yellow Apple and Tree Known to the Fruit World.**

"It Revolutionizes Apple Growing"

Declared Prof. H. L. Crane, Horticulturist, W. Va. Exp. Station. "It is likely that Stark's Golden Delicious will be the parent of a family of fruit trees that will revolutionize apple growing. I have never seen anything like it before. Here it is showing fruit maturing on terminals, fruit spurs, and, **most important of all, on lateral buds** (on the lateral buds—the 1-year wood, like peach tree). This is the **only apple I have seen or heard of doing all this.**"

Prof. Frederick Crane, Madison, Wis., (Secretary Wis. Hort. Society and Member Executive Committee American Pomological Society) asserted: "This sight (as he looked upon Stark's Golden Delicious in bearing) is **even more wonderful than your photographs and descriptions.** All the horticultural writers and pomologists will have to revise their books on apples, because the Stark's Golden Delicious **bears regularly on new 1-year wood.**"

Prof. Paddock, Ohio's famous State Horticulturist, frankly asserted: "Stark's Golden Delicious **beats anything I ever saw!** It is of high quality, a beautiful golden color, and one of the best keepers."

Prof. J. R. Cooper, Ark. State Horticulturist, says: "The Stark's Golden Delicious apples on the 2-year-old tree, photo of which I sent you, were **as big as those shown on your big color photo.**"

Prof. Ralston of Va. Agr. Exp. Station, said: "I am frank to admit that I have never heard leading horticulturists praise any other apple as highly as they have the Golden Delicious."



A FEW OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES WHO CAME TO LOUISIANA, MO.

America's "master minds of horticulture" have personally investigated the various fruit and tree qualities of Stark's Golden Delicious and the more they have investigated, the more enthusiastic they have become. Stark Bro's executive offices in back ground.

Stark's Golden Delicious

Thorough Investigation by America's Authorities

All of these famous authorities were astounded at the fruit and tree characteristics of Stark's Golden Delicious. YOU can rely on the testimony of these disinterested scientific men. You can depend on their sound judgment of the characteristics of this great apple.



FAMOUS HORTICULTURISTS ENTHUSIASTIC

Above, the late Prof. Beach, Iowa State Horticulturist, America's Greatest Apple Expert, Dr. Lambert, Leading Ill. Orchardist and Pres. Ill. Horticultural Society, Prof. Wendell Paddock, Ohio State Horticulturist and Paul Stark are shown during their pilgrimage to see great crops of Stark's Golden Delicious

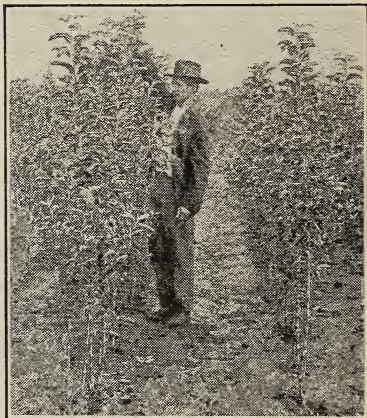
Invaluable Co-operation by Nation's Scientific Horticulturists

We wish to express our appreciation of the cooperation of the scientific horticulturists at the various agricultural colleges and state experiment stations. Many of the variety's most valuable characteristics have first been noted through the tests given by these careful investigators. For instance the first indication of the wide-spread early bearing of the variety was given by Prof. Cooper of Arkansas when he reported the variety bearing at two years old on the Arkansas Experiment Station grounds. Then again, the late Prof. Beach, head of the Horticultural Department at the Iowa State Experiment Station and Prof. W. Paddock, horticulturist of the Ohio State University, called to our attention when they inspected the Golden Delicious, the fact that Golden Delicious was bearing about 50% of the crop on lateral buds (on wood of the past season's growth, like a peach tree)—this being one of the main reasons for the extremely early bearing of the variety in all sections of the country.

AUTHORITIES WHO CAME

Below we give the names of these nationally known horticulturists (States arranged alphabetically) who journeyed to see and study the crops of this epoch making tree.

Prof. C. P. Close, U. S. Pomologist.
Prof. H. P. Gould, U. S. Pomologist.
Prof. C. I. Lewis, Edr. "Fruit Grower."
G. E. Seavy, Edr. N. E. Homestead.
G. G. Becker, ARK. State Inspector.
Prof. H. S. Harvey, Hort. GA. Exp Sta.
S. Adams, Edr. Am. Fruit Grower, ILL.
Miss E. Leitzbach, Edr. Prairie Farmer.
Mr. G. Hayes, Authority, Chicago, ILL.
Prof. F. W. Newton, ILL. State Univ.
Prof. W. A. Ruth, Hort. ILL. Exp. Sta.
Prof. W. S. Brock, Ext. Hort. ILL.
Prof. B. S. Pickett, Hort. ILL. Exp. Sta.
Dr. H. W. Anderson, Hort. ILL.
Dr. Lambert, Ex-Pres. ILL. Hort. Soc.
Silas Wilson, Orchardist, IDAHO.
Mr. Taylor, Publisher Farm Life, IND.
Prof. Laurenz Greene, State Hort. IND.
A. M. Davis, Pres. IND. Fruit Grower's Association.
W. M. Walton, Pres. IND. Hort. Soc.
Prof. F. P. Cullinan, Hort. Exp. Sta. IND.
A. H. Snyder, Edr. "Successful Farming" IOWA.
John Thompson, Edr. IOWA Homestead
Mrs. Workman, Corn Belt Farmer, IA.
F. Nichols, Edr. Mail & Breeze, KANS.



1 YR. TREES IN NURSERY ROW

Take note of these wonderful Ozark-Mountain-grown Stark's Golden Delicious at our Farmington, Ark., Branch Nursery where soil and climate are ideal for best growth that the pomological and nursery world has ever seen.

The Proof of Its Greatness

Prof. E. G. Kelly, Ext. Hort. Exp. Sta.
KANSAS.

Prof. C. W. Mathews, Hort. **KY.**
Ben E. Niles, Sec. **KY.** Hort. Society.
Prof. J. K. Shaw, **MASS.** Agr. Exp. Sta.
E. H. Favor, Horticulturist and Editor.
Prof. V. R. Gardner, Hort. **MICH.**
D. A. Wallace, Edr. "The Farmer"

MINN.
Prof. W. H. Alderman, Hort. **MINN.**
Geo. F. Jordan, Edr. "**MO.** Ruralist"
Wm. L. Nelson, Edr. "**MO.** Farmer"
I. D. Mullinax, Agr. Edr. Globe-Democrat, **MO.**

Prof. L. R. Johnson, **MO.** Hort.
Prof. L. Haseman, Entomologist **MO.**
Prof. T. J. Talbert, Hort. **MO.** Exp. Sta.
Prof. F. W. Faurot, Dir. Exp. Sta. **MO.**
Prof. G. F. Potter, Hort. **N.H.** Exp. Sta.
W. Oley, Mgr. 1100 acre orchard, **N. J.**
Prof. J. Oskamp, Ext. Hort. **N. Y.**
Prof. J. H. Gourley, Hort. Exp. Sta. **O.**
Prof. Wendall Paddock, Hort. **OHIO.**
Prof. W. J. Green, Director Exp. Sta. **O.**
Prof. N. E. Hansen, Hort. **S.D.** Exp. Sta.
J. M. Kirkham, Edr. "**UTAH** Farmer"
G. J. Hopkins, Noted **VA.** Fruit Grower
Prof. G. S. Ralston, Hort. Exp. Sta. **VA.**
Prof. H. E. Knowlton, Hort. **W. VA.**
Prof. Crane, Hort. Exp. Sta. **W. VA.**
M. L. Dean, former State Hort. **WASH.**
F. Cranefield, Sec. **WIS.** Hort. Society.



4½ FT. GROWTH IN 5 MOS.

Stark's Golden Delicious tree 5 mos. after planting in Paul Stark's orchard. Hand of little boy (Paul Stark, Jr.) shows where new growth starts. Photo shows crop of corn grown between rows. Vetch and rye were used as a cover crop. 15,000 Stark's Golden Delicious trees in this orchard.



6-YR. OLD STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS AT CORNELL AGR. EXP. STATION, N. Y.

The tree was planted in 1916. Note the wonderful crop it bore in 1922—had borne several prior crops. Prof. Oskamp of Cornell says, "Entirely hardy in N. Y.—came through the severe winter without injury. Members of our Department had nothing but praise for its quality—a most fascinating aroma—superior to Grimes."

(The winter referred to severely injured Baldwin and all except the hardiest sorts.)

FAMOUS AUTHOR'S PRAISE

Golden Delicious Described in "Cyclopedia of Hardy Fruits" by Prof. U. P. Hedrick of N. Y.

No other yellow apple is handsomer nor of better quality, nor possesses better shipping and keeping characters—it seems certain, from their behavior in many widely separated regions, that they are hardy, vigorous, healthy, and productive, with no marked faults that have appeared as yet. The variety was given the Wilder Silver Medal by the American Pomological Society in 1920.

Trees hardy, vigorous, healthy, productive. Fruit large, uniform in size and shape, symmetrical; stem 1½ inches long, slender, curved; skin golden yellow, smooth; flesh firm, crisp, tender, juicy, mild subacid, rich, aromatic; quality very good to best for dessert and cooking; autumn to May.

Note—Other statement page 69.

State Horticulturists Recommend It Highly

Regular And Abundant Cropper

"The Stark's Golden Delicious is a coming apple. It has **style, beauty and quality** of fruit to recommend it. The tree **comes into bearing very young**. All available records go to show that it is a **regular and abundant cropper**. I have no hesitation in recommending it to prospective planters. It is the **most promising introduction of recent years among apples**."—Prof. S. A. Beach, Chief Horticulturist, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

U. S. Pomologist Gives Official Description

The following is quoted from a description written by C. P. Close, U. S. Pomologist, at the time the Silver Wilder Medal was awarded to the Golden Delicious:

"Skin, tough; color of flesh, rich yellow; texture, crisp, juicy; flavor, mild, sub-acid; quality, very good. Much like Grimes Golden but a later keeper."

Showiest Apple Buyers Ever Saw

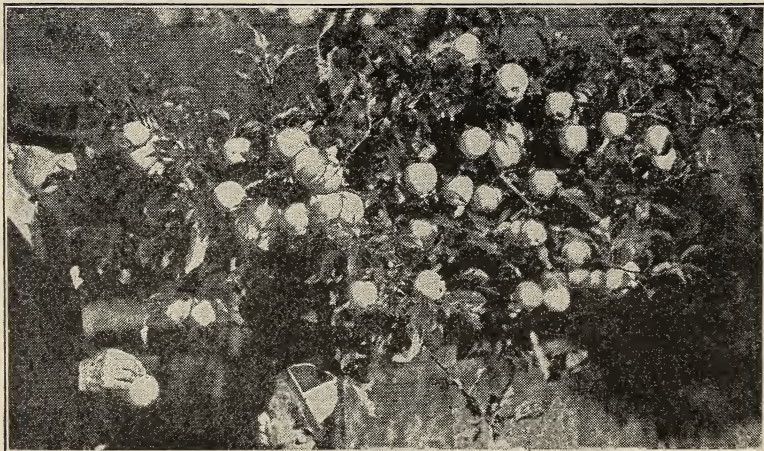
"We have had a number of Eastern fruit buyers here, and all say that the Stark's Golden Delicious apples grown on our trees are the finest and most showy apples they ever saw."—Silas Wilson owner of the famous Wilson Orchards, Canyon Co., Idaho.

Phenomenal Apple

"The behavior of the Stark's Golden Delicious is phenomenal. Seldom does a variety have so many superior qualities."—Prof. J. H. Gourley, Chief Ohio Agricultural Exp. Station, Wooster, O.

Fanciest Apple He Ever Saw

"I must say that the Stark's Golden Delicious certainly is the fanciest apple that I have ever seen. I am certain that I never tasted an apple that was richer and higher in quality. The Stark's Golden Delicious is the **most remarkable apple introduction** that has been made in recent years."—Prof. Wendell Paddock, Ohio State Horticulturist, Columbus, O.



BEARS A BUSHEL AT THREE YEARS OF AGE

"Photo of one of my Stark's Golden Delicious, three years old, showing the crop that yielded a bushel of apples," says Mrs. A. A. Papworth, Kaslo, B. C. Canada. Reports from Canada and northern sections of the U. S. have proved that Golden Delicious is very hardy, and an extremely early and heavy bearer under northern conditions—the ideal quality apple for the north. A proven success, East, West, North and South.

SPECIAL REDUCED PRICES ON

Demonstration Orchards

---OF---

Stark Delicious or Stark's Golden Delicious

[For A Limited Period]

This is an opportunity that you should grasp at once!

It will be withdrawn just as soon as the allotted number of Demonstration Orchards are sold!

We want to see one good-sized commercial orchard of Stark Delicious or Stark's Golden Delicious (or both) bearing in every neighborhood. Each such

Demonstration Orchard will be a living advertisement of these two great varieties—the King of all Red Apples and the Queen of all Golden Apples.

That is the reason why we are making these Special Reduced Prices to those who will plant at least 250 trees (5 acres) of either or each of these 2 varieties NOW.

Quick Action Saves You 20%

But—no order for less than 250 of either or each of these varieties will be accepted at these prices. We cannot sell 125 Stark Delicious and 125 Stark's Golden Delicious at these Reduced Prices—not less than 250 of a variety.

No order for more than 1000 trees accepted at these prices.

Many are planting 250 of each of

these varieties—making 500 trees—an ideal 10-acre orchard—one that will prove a regular “Mint” in the years to come.

Hurry in your orders! This offer will positively be withdrawn when allotment of Demonstration Orchards have been sold!

Special Demonstration Prices

Stark Delicious
[red]

28c each for 2-3 ft. size

36c each for 3-5 ft. size

48c each for 4-7 ft. size

Stark's
Golden Delicious [yellow]

50c each for 2-3 ft. size

55c each for 3-5 ft. size

65c each for 4-7 ft. size

For orders to be shipped Spring 1923 ONLY
Use Enclosed Order Blank TODAY

Don't Fail to Sign Golden Delicious Agreement

Stark Bro's Nurseries AT
Louisiana, Mo.
For Over 107 Years

Louisiana, Mo.,

Dear Sir:

It has taken over 5 years to write the enclosed booklet—
"Stark's Golden Delicious—The Proof of Its Greatness".

—and we did not write it.

It has been prepared for your information and profit by a group of the best informed Scientists and Horticulturists in America who have made a special study of Stark's Golden Delicious trees and the apples they bear.

They have been assisted by several thousand fruit growers who have planted this variety—have seen it thrive in almost every soil and climate and defy disease and insect epidemics—have seen it bear at World's Record Young Age and bear Big Crops Regularly. These men have ate Stark's Golden Delicious apples 4 to 6 months after all Grimes Golden Apples had all rotted and gone. They have found last year's Stark's Golden Delicious apples sound, crisp, and juicy when the trees were in blossom again for another crop.

You are sure to find this book that they wrote full of interest. It is packed full of profit-crop-pointers for you. Read it.

HERE'S A MONEY-SAVING IDEA: See other side of this sheet. Note the Special Reduced Prices on Demonstration Orchards of Stark Delicious (red) and Stark's Golden Delicious (yellow). It's YOUR opportunity to SAVE 20 PER CENT! Compare these prices with those in Regular Price List enclosed—and Grasp This Opportunity—QUICK!

Yours most cordially,

STARK BRO'S N. & O. CO.

P. S. The enclosed order blank can be used by you to secure Stark Delicious and Stark's Golden Delicious this year—if you ACT QUICKLY! Be sure to sign the Golden Delicious Agreement at bottom of order blank. The demand for both Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious right now is tremendous. Even though you haven't room for a Demonstration Orchard of either variety, plant some of each—20 - 50 - 75 or so—and ORDER NOW! Last year nearly 1,100 tardy customers were told "All sold out".

Such Unanimous Approval Never Before Equalled

Prof. Bailey Says:—"A Real Acquisition!"

"The Stark's Golden Delicious apple is a comely and beautiful fruit, both in shape and flavor. The quality is good. It is a real acquisition."—Prof. Liberty H. Bailey, Former Dean of Cornell Agric. College, Ithaca, N. Y.

U. S. Pomologist Prediction 8 Yrs. Ago Has Come True

Col. G. B. Brackett, late U. S. Pomologist, a man than whom there was no better judge of apples, said when he first saw the Golden Delicious 8 years ago—"Quality every bit as good as Grimes and absolutely distinct. I believe it will prove a winner."

Publicity Assures Popularity

"Golden Delicious is without a doubt, a mighty good apple and the way you people are pushing it, there is no doubt but what it will be a popular sort."—F. M. Fagan, Professor of Pomology, Pennsylvania State College.

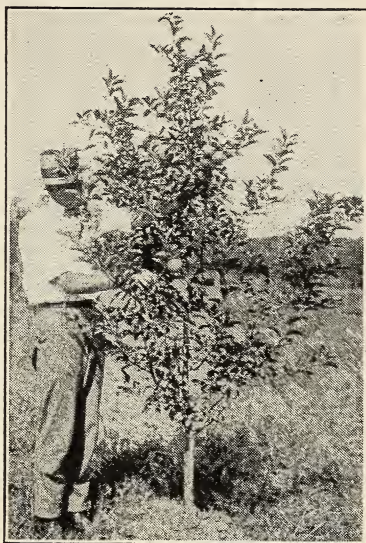
Both Strong Grower and Young Bearer

"Stark's Golden Delicious is the grandest advance in the line of pome fruits ever made. Its favorable characteristics, so strong as to resist the check of remarkably young bearing. Its size, shape and quality are all in its favor, also."—Edwin H. Riehl, Hort. and Experimenter, Madison Co., Ill.

Prof. Knowlton of West Virginia Says All Are Planting It.

"I believe it to be a remarkable apple. As you say, it is a late keeping Grimes Golden about the same in quality as the latter, but with tree characteristics far superior."

"The interest shown by growers in this apple is remarkable. It certainly pays to advertise. Every prospective planter that I have have talked to this week has Golden Delicious on his list to plant in the spring. West Virginia is certainly proud of her apple."—H. E. Knowlton, Associate Pomology West Virginia University.



BEARS ON 3-YEAR TREE AT N. Y. EXP. STATION

Photo above (taken under direction of Prof. Howe of N. Y. Exp. Station, Geneva, N. Y.) shows 3-yr.-old Stark's Golden Delicious bearing. In same orchard Baldwin didn't begin bearing till 10 or 12 years old. Prof. Howe writes: "Perfectly hardy—splendid growth. Believe will prove most promising as a commercial variety."

"Young, Regular Bearer," Says Burbank

"We have found Stark's Golden Delicious an unusually young bearer. The trees bore the 3rd summer after setting out and have borne regularly every year since."—Luther Burbank

No One Could Desire Finer Apple

"I do not see how anyone could desire a higher quality apple than the Stark's Golden Delicious. The tree of this variety has many desirable characteristics. It is certainly hardy and generally adapted to many different kinds of soils. Its habit of vigorous growth and young bearing are also remarkable."—Prof. F. P. Cullinan, Associate in Pomology Purdue University, Agri. Exp. Sta., Lafayette, Ind.

Stark's Golden Delicious

Praised By America's Greatest Dietitian

"Willing To Pay Almost Any Price For Stark's Golden Delicious Apples

In every locality of the U. S. and many parts of Canada, Golden Delicious trees are growing and bearing splendid crops and in each locality a tremendous amount of public interest has been aroused by this variety. Our population—110 millions—which represents the apple consuming public of the U. S. is demanding to know where they can get good supplies of Stark's Golden Delicious apples. **We will put the orchardists in touch with these buyers.**

Not long since, we received a letter from one of America's most eminent Physicians and Dietitians, the world famous Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, Head of The Battle Creek Sanitarium.

**The Battle Creek Sanitarium
Battle Creek, Michigan**

**Stark Bro's N. & O. Co.,
Louisiana, Mo.**

Gentlemen:

I have yours of December 23. I consider Golden Delicious the **finest apple I have ever tasted.** It is especially adapted to invalids because of its mild, highly effective flavor. The absence of acid renders it acceptable among stomachs which will not tolerate acid fruits. I am anxious to get a supply of these apples for use at the Battle Creek Sanitarium as soon as possible and am now making arrangements for the **planting of a large orchard** on the basis of your proposition. We have a large number of trees which may be topworked to advantage as you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

John Harvey Kellogg, M.D.

P. S. You may reserve for us **400 trees** and a lot of scions for topworking. Could you supply me with a few of the apples? I would like to have a supply at almost any price. I am really very enthusiastic about Stark's Golden Delicious and thank you very much for calling my attention to it.



LOADED 18 MONTHS GRAFT

An 18-months-old Top Graft of Golden Delicious—bearing in Central West, an extra heavy crop of big, golden, super-quality apples—50 per cent larger than Grimes Golden. Absolutely a World's Record for young and heavy bearing. This is the first crop. It bore heavily again the next year and has never failed.—6 crops in 7 years since topworking.



STARK BRO'S FAMOUS TERRACED ORCHARD PROVES VALUE OF HILLY LAND

This photo illustrates the points brought out in article on opposite page that hilly land that is too steep to cultivate can be planted to Stark's Golden Delicious (which is particularly adapted to steep land and is drought resistant) and this land worth \$10 or \$15 per acre can be made worth \$500 to \$1000 per acre when it is planted and bearing Stark's Golden Delicious. You can terrace your hill land or simply plant the trees in sod and use mulch around the trees without terracing. Trees in above photo grew 2 1-2 to 4 ft. last season.

West Virginia's Governor Praises It Big Success in Hilly Country

I believe that the Stark's Golden Delicious is one of the best apples that has been produced in the world. We West Virginians feel proud of being the home of this wonderful apple and we are delighted with the facts and illustrations in which you have exploited its many good properties.

I have for years been advocating in West Virginia the earnest and vigorous prosecution of its fruit life. Everything in the state looks to the direction of a great fruit state. It is exceptionally situated as to altitude and latitude and I believe will be one of the great fruit states of the Union and it gives us a great deal of pleasure to feel that this apple, which for keeping qualities, for safety and security in production, for delicacy of taste, for fineness of touch, for sureness of fruiting, is a product of our state and through your illustrated discussion is given character to what we have long contended, that West Virginia is a great fruit producing center. What greater benefit to human kind could there be than the production and continuous improvement of an apple like the Stark's Golden Delicious. I have always thought that this work would be treated among the great benefits to mankind. Sending out to all parts of the world a life giving, health making element, which goes into the very life blood of our people, increasing our ability to do good, widening

our possibilities in every sense of the word, where could there be a greater benefit to mankind. This apple is becoming **one of the great and well known fruits** of the United States, and I am delighted so often by people who are eating the apple and know about it that they have felt a great interest in West Virginia, or in any state that would be the parent of as wonderful an element of edibility as is this apple.

We wish you would come to West Virginia with your wonderful staff of progressive people, and join to the splendid capacity of our state those elements that you have used so successfully in making this apple one of the greatest fruits of the country. With your energy, knowledge and far reaching ability along these lines, joined to the beauty and splendor of our hills, you would be bound to make an enormous success.

We congratulate you upon this splendid apple and hope it may go its way throughout the whole country with its life giving properties and benefits.

Yours very sincerely,
(signed) Wm. A. MacCorkle

Big Opportunity for Golden Delicious on Steep Hill-sides

Many apples are not successful when grown without cultivation on steep hill sides and suffer particularly during dry seasons. However, the Golden Delicious on account of its extreme vigor, vitality, and drought and disease resistance, flourishes even on these unfavorable locations. The original tree of Stark's Golden Delicious in West Virginia is high up on a mountain side, too steep for a wagon to go. The soil is thin, less than 2 ft. down to solid rock. However, on this thin mountain soil, without spraying, without care, and exposed to severest conditions the original tree fought its battles against the elements and bore annual crops. The original tree being one of a large number of trees in an old mountain seedling orchard and practically all the other sorts had died

out, when we first saw it. At that time the original tree, although unsprayed, un-pruned and neglected, had a luxuriant rich foliage and a big crop of apples. All the other trees in the orchard had lost their foliage from scab and leaf spot.

In other sections of the country where the Golden Delicious has been planted on steep land and poor soil, it has made an excellent showing, bearing regular crops of large size commercial fruit. The Golden Delicious, with its unusual vigor and other remarkable tree characteristics, opens up a big opportunity for steep hillside plantings where it is impossible to cultivate. These steep locations can be turned from almost worthless land to highly profitable orchards.

Ideal Late Keeper

**Keeps 4 Months Longer Than Grimes Golden
Bruises Dry Up—Does Not Scald in Storage**

Perhaps the most remarkable fact about the Stark's Golden Delicious apple is its long-keeping ability. Leading fruit experts throughout the U. S. to whom we sent Stark's Golden Delicious apples (nearly 10 months after these apples had been first placed in storage) stated that they had **never seen a yellow apple coming out of storage so late without scald and still retaining its crisp, zestful flavor.**

Golden Delicious, contrary to most late-keeping apples, is in condition to eat early in the fall but on account of its fine grained solid flesh it can be put in storage and will maintain its juicy rich quality until late spring or summer. Many other apple varieties get an undesirable "storage taste" when kept in cold storage—but many experts have observed that Stark's Golden Delicious **actually improves in flavor** when kept in storage.

The skin is strong and when the apple is bruised there is no discoloration, the **bruised spot drying up instead of rotting.** This same valuable characteristic is true of Stark Delicious.

Keeps Until Spring When Prices Are Higher

The fact that growers can put Stark's Golden Delicious on the market months after Grimes are gone, means **high market prices** for these greatest of all golden apples. They will be at their best in the spring when apple prices are at their highest.



STILL FIRM AND CRISP ON JUNE 14

Here are some Stark's Golden Delicious being examined by "Keeping Ability Investigation Committee"—on June 14th. Apples were picked Fall before, shipped 2100 miles, opened and reshipped to storage. Taken out of storage and examined twice since Fall. Here are samples on June 14, "as firm and crisp and juicy as the day they were picked."

Strong Statement From The U. S. Pomologist

The Golden Delicious which you were good enough to send a few days ago was placed in the refrigerator and remained there until today (June 20th) when it was taken out and tested by a dozen or more of the office force. They all pronounced its flavor rich and pleasing. The flesh was **firm and crisp** and in general, the apple was in splendid condition. I am glad that the Golden Delicious holds up so well in storage.—Prof. C. P. Close, U. S. Pomologist, Washington, D. C.

Far Superior To Grimes

"On June 16th I received 3 samples of Stark's Golden Delicious apples that had been picked the September before. I shared these samples with other members of the Horticultural staff. We all agreed that this apple **held its quality remarkably well** for this late in the season. The flavor is still very good and the apples retained a good degree of sprightliness and an agreeable dessert quality. These apples showed no evidences of scald and appeared to be clearly superior to Grimes in freedom from scald and in keeping quality."—Prof. S. A. Beach, Chief Horticulturist, Iowa State College, Ames Iowa.

Keeping Qualities Delight Maine Official

"I received samples of Stark's Golden Delicious apples in January, and I found the variety everything that you have claimed for it. I was highly pleased with the shipping qualities which it evidences. It seemed to be in **fine condition for eating** and its quality and the consistency of the flesh place it among the **high quality dessert apples**. This Stark's Golden Delicious variety will **keep even later in storage** than the red Stark Delicious and down here we are frequently able to keep Stark Delicious as late as **the first of April** without serious difficulties."—Prof. H. P. Sweetser, Head Department of Horticulture, Maine.

Texture Proves Keeping Ability

Prof. Chandler, Head Dept. Agriculture, N. Y. Agri. College, Ithaca, N. Y., said:—

"Every time I eat a Stark's Golden Delicious apple, there are 2 things I can't get away from. First—That the Stark's Golden Delicious apple has the flavor of a Grimes Golden and the **texture of a Newtown Pippin**." (Ed. Note:—Texture of a Newtown Pippin means **very long keeping ability**. Newtown Pippins are shipped to England by tens of thousands of barrels and sold in England at high prices. So will Stark's Golden Delicious apples.)

Colorado Horticulturist Says It Will Undoubtedly Displace Other Yellow Apples On The Market

"The Golden Delicious arrived in **perfect condition** and I was very much surprised at its keeping qualities and its quality. It is a **fine commercial apple** that will undoubtedly displace the Grimes Golden and other yellow apples in the market."—H. P. Sandster, Horticulturist, Colorado.



"IT FAR OUTKEEPS GRIMES GOLDEN."

Writes the late Prof. J. C. Whitten, for 25 years Dean of Horticulture, Missouri Agr. College—and Prof. Horticulture and Forestry, University California. "I have never eaten an apple coming out of storage this late (July 15th) which retained so fully its normal crisp, juicy condition."

The Late Keeper Goes on The Spring Market When Prices Are Highest

"In Golden Delicious I believe you have another exceedingly promising apple which ought to take eventually as important a place in our Pomological list as has the justly famous Delicious which I regard as one of the best, if not the best apple grown.

"You will be further interested to note that the apple reached us in practically **perfect condition** as to texture, flavor and juiciness. Packing bruises on the specimen sent had slightly dried rather than softened. They showed no brown discoloration through the skin of the apple. The specimen sent gives every indication that in this variety you have a **splendid keeper and shipper** as well as an apple of unexcelled quality."—J. C. Whitten, Professor of Pomology,

University of California, Berkeley, California.

Gains Flavor In Storage

"I received, on June 19th, a Stark's Golden Delicious picked last Fall. It arrived in first-class condition. The flavor and quality were excellent. It seemed to me that the fruit **gained flavor and quality** by its having been in storage so long."—E. G. Kelly, Ext. Entomologist, Kans. Agri. College.

Sound The June After Picking

"I received this June a Stark's Golden Delicious apple picked last Fall. It was in excellent condition—sound, aromatic and appetizing. A real dessert apple."—Professor S. W. Fletcher, Professor of Horticulture, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Penn.



LILACS and APPLES

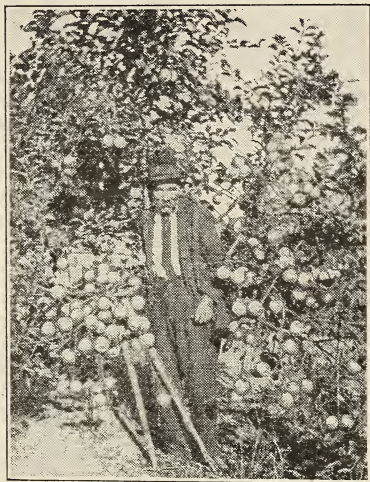
Apples from LAST YEAR'S CROP OF Stark's Golden Delicious still firm, crisp and juicy when lilacs were blooming in May of this year. Bright, clear yellow—showed no scald. Most other yellow apples show cold storage scald. But Stark's Golden Delicious has never shown any scald in the many severe tests we have given it.

Proof of Young, Heavy and Annual Bearing



BORE 42 LBS. WHEN 2 YRS. OLD

Photo above shows 2-yr.-old Stark's Golden Delicious tree loaded with 42 lbs. of big apples, grown by J. P. Leaf, King Co., Wash.,—seventy-seven years old—who says:—"They surely take the cake for early bearing and thrifty growth." Note the photo at right showing a much larger crop the next year. As the trees get older the crops get bigger.



**WHEN IT WAS 3-YRS. OLD—
BEARING 436 APPLES**

In sending in the above photo, a year after one shown at left, J. P. Leaf wrote—"There were 436 apples, all perfect and good size, on this one 3-yr. old tree. Believe it is nearly immune from apple worm and all other insects that prey on apple trees here. Only two showed any worm marks, although worms were very bad here this year on other varieties."

**A Wonder For Late Keeping And
Early Bearing**

"I received this June a Stark's Golden Delicious apple picked last Fall—and it was still in **perfect condition**. The keeping qualities of this wonderful apple surprise me. It appears to me that you have **nothing short of a wonder** in regards to early bearing and keeping qualities."—Prof G M Bentley, Tennessee State Entomologist and Plant Pathologist, Knoxville, Tennessee.

90 2-Yr.-Old Trees Bore In Ark.

"We have between 90 and 100 Stark's Golden Delicious trees on our place here that bore at 2 yrs. And the more I see of the apple the more enthusiastic I become over it."—J. R. Cooper, Chief Dept. Hort., Ark. Exp. Station.

**Burbank, World-Famous Plant
Wizard, Praises Golden Delicious**

Anyone who knows aught of fruit is familiar with the epoch making creations of Luther Burbank. Throughout America and beyond, his fame has spread and his name is synonymous with horticultural advancement. As a horticultural authority, he is second to none. This appreciation by this noted authority of the fruit and tree characteristics of the Stark's Golden Delicious will be further proof of the apple's greatness. Mr. Burbank wrote:—

"Stark's Golden Delicious received in June (nine months after picking) is tender, sweet, and delicious. This variety is an unusually young bearer—**bore third summer** after setting out and has **borne regularly every year since** on my testing grounds."

Young and Heavy Bearing

This Variety Amazes By Its Young, Heavy Annual Bearing

The Official Reports received from hundreds of Horticulturists, Experiment Station Chiefs and Orchardists located in every apple section prove beyond all doubt that Stark's Golden Delicious trees are the **youngest bearers** under all conditions.

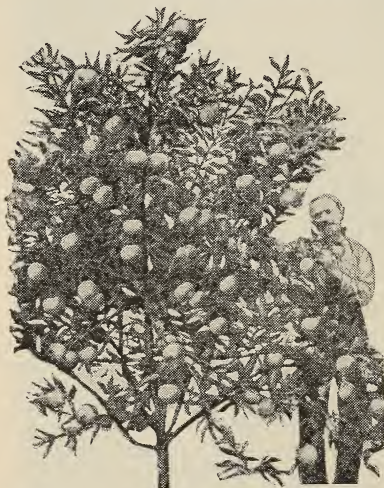
"Early Profitable Bearing"

Some people have hesitated in planting apple orchards because they thought it took too long to wait for the trees to come into bearing. With the extremely early and heavy bearing of Golden Delicious, those who have hesitated to plant an orchard on this account can go ahead with good assurance.

The early and heavy bearing of Stark's Golden Delicious will enable an orchard of this variety to pay for itself before most varieties even begin to bear. The combination of early and annual bearing, coupled with extreme vigor demonstrated that an orchard of this variety will reach profitable bearing on trees large enough, with strong branches, to carry big crops a number of years younger than other varieties.

Prof. W. J. Green of the Ohio Experiment Station in speaking of this said:—"This early bearing will please both the amateur and the commercial orchardist who is anxious to see what his trees are going to do for him in his own orchard, and furthermore, it insures the tree coming into profitable bearing on a large scale much earlier than usual."

"Insures Heavy Annual Bearing"



ONE OF THE 250 TREES—ALL BORE
20 TO 80 APPLES IN 3rd SUMMER

Chas. Riedenbaker of New Jersey planted 250 Stark's Golden Delicious in 1920—in 1922 every tree bore from 20 to 80 large apples. No other variety has ever equalled this record.

Prof. Warren A. Ruth, Asst. Professor of Pomology, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.—who took several photos in this book says:—

"The Stark's Golden Delicious tree is a very vigorous grower, as shown by the young trees I saw in the Stark Bro's Nurseries. The wood is strong. Top grafts on a large tree at Louisiana, Mo., have borne several heavy crops and are bearing a very heavy crop this year.

"Most of the Golden Delicious fruit buds develop in the area of the leaves along the new growth (laterally). This occurred both on terminal and lateral branches. This habit, which Stark's Golden Delicious possesses to an **unusual degree**, should develop in mature trees and go far to insure **uniformly heavy annual blossoming and bearing**. The appearance and keeping quality of the apples are excellent."

"Extreme Vigor and Early Bearing, Too"

The young bearing habit, so strongly evidenced, might be undesirable, IF it resulted in stunting of trees. But, exactly the contrary is proving to be true. This variety, in addition to **bearing exceptionally young and regularly**, also makes a stronger caliper and wonderfully vigorous limb growth. It possesses the abounding vitality that enables it to bear young and grow fast **all at the same time.**

"World's Early Bearing Record"

Although the wide spread reports from every section of the country in which growers reported Golden Delicious bearing good crops at two and three years of age is very unusual and astounding to orchardists, nevertheless the record made this year in different sections of the country where **every tree in an entire orchard of Golden Delicious bore before they were three years old**—in their 3rd summer, is remarkable.

Mr. Chas. Riedenbaker of Burlington County, New Jersey, had 250 trees, **every one** of them producing from 20 to 80 apples in the 3rd summer. Mr. J. E. Eggers of St. Louis County, Missouri, has a young orchard of Golden Delicious and he reported this year **every one** of his trees bearing the third summer after planting. Mr. Adam Roth of Calhoun County, Illinois, also has a young orchard of Golden Delicious and reported all of his trees bearing this year.

The fact that every tree in the entire orchards of this variety under different soil and climatic conditions bore in the third summer was the **most astounding horticultural record** of which we have ever heard. It proved that all **Stark's Golden Delicious** have the young bearing tendency and that it isn't a tree here and there that bears young.

A SURPRISING APPLE SAYS FAMOUS EDITOR

"Golden Delicious is apparently doing the impossible among apples—things that are commonly considered as impossible or freakish, such as bearing four successive crops on a graft but five years old. There is no pen that can kindle one's enthusiasm so quickly as actually seeing the living thing and eating one's fill of the fruit. I am frank to say that in my opinion it is the **most wonderful apple I have ever seen**, and I believe it is certain to have a very pronounced effect on the commercial apple industry of the United States."—E. H. Favor.



EVERY TREE BORE GOOD CROP IN THIRD SUMMER

Above we show the J. E. Eggers' orchard in St. Louis Co., Mo., containing 50 Golden Delicious trees, every one of which bore fruit the third summer after planting.

"Every Tree has from 5 to 20 beautiful apples upon it. Some of them bore at 2 years. Stark's Golden Delicious is the best apple I have." Photo above in 3rd summer.

35 bu. crop on ORIGINAL Tree of Stark's Golden Delicious

This Original "\$5,000.00 Tree In A Cage" bore over 35 bushels of big, beautiful wax-like yellow fruit—its **12th big crop in 12 years**. Here it stands on a steep, barren hillside, poorest-of-poor soil, uncultivated, **unpruned and unsprayed**—yet still thriving like the proverbial "Green Bay Tree" and bearing crops that simply **astonish orchardists**. Bore at 4 years old. (Photo 35 bu. crop on outside cover.)

"2-Yr. Golden Delicious Bear Crops In 38 Different States"

What do you think of that? In scores of orchards North, East, South and West—in Illinois, Missouri, Virginia, California, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Wisconsin, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Iowa, Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, Washington, West Virginia, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Kentucky, New York, and many other states. That's the record of 2-yr.-old Stark's Golden



3-YRS.-OLD—BEARING 28 APPLES

Its owner, E. L. Winkler, Ferry Co., Wash., writes:—"Stark's Golden Delicious 3-yr.-old bore 28 apples, (after standing winter that killed Rome and Winter Banana trees). No disease, youngest bearer. latest bloomer of all our varieties, blooms on last year's growth—many blooms cut off when pruned."

den Delicious. Over 100 apples on one of these trees in New Jersey, for instance—a full bushel box of splendid apples on six 2-yr.-old trees in Oregon—21 fine apples on a 2-yr.-old tree in Illinois, etc., etc.

Ate It With Great Relish

"I ate that sample Stark's Golden Delicious with a great deal of relish. After viewing Stark's Golden Delicious trees in bearing, I am convinced of its value as a commercial variety. The fruit is disease resistant. From 40 to 50 per cent of the apples were borne on lateral buds from 1 year old wood. This makes the variety a young bearer."—Joseph Oskamp, Horticulturist, Mo. Exp. Station.



7 BIG APPLES ON 1-YR.-OLD TREE

When H. F. Edens, Scott Co., Iowa, sent us the photo above, he stated:—"This 1-yr.-old Stark's Golden Delicious bore 7 good sized apples this season. It's 72 inches tall, with 42 inch spread."

Bore 80 Apples At 3 Years Old

"I planted 250 Stark's Golden Delicious trees 3 years ago. Some of them actually bore apples when the trees were only 18 months planted. This year, with the trees not quite 3 years old, they are **ALL bearing!** One of the 3 year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees was loaded down with 80 apples and others were quite heavily loaded. I find Stark's Golden Delicious very hardy, rapid grower and the apple itself cannot be beaten for eating. The flavor is fine. It is the best yellow apple grown. I never knew of any other apple that bore so young and had **such heavy crops** of fine large apples."—Chas. Riedenbaker, Burlington Co., N. J.

20 Fine Apples On 3-Yr.-Old Tree

"I believe that the Stark's Golden Delicious is going to be the



HEAVIEST BEARER—BUT APPLES ARE LARGE

29 big apples on a measured 14 inches at top this limb of Stark's Golden Delicious above. Bore "thick as they could stick" never failed. Bore heavily next season when all others failed—after two freezes and three frosts; worst spring ever known. Wonderful flavor. 50 per cent larger than Grimes Golden.



BORE 163 APPLES WHEN 3-YEARS-OLD

R. K. McCobban, Polk Co., Ore., owns this tree and declares, "It bore 12 apples when 2 years old and 163 at three years old. Very hardy and vigorous, too."

best apple that I have. My 50 Stark's Golden Delicious trees are only 3 years old and **every tree has from 5 to 20 beautiful apples on it.**"—J. E. Eggers, St. Louis.

LATER—in Fall of same year, he wrote:—"The Stark's Golden Delicious is the youngest bearing apple tree in existence. I never saw any tree bear in its second year except the Stark's Golden Delicious—and the crops the third year were **really remarkable.** I believe that Stark's Golden Delicious is the **most profitable** tree that anyone can plant, because of its **young bearing qualities** and the size and quality of the fruit. The Stark's Golden Delicious is a better apple than the Grimes Golden and **much larger.** There can be no comparison between these 2 apples."—J. E. Eggers, St. Louis Co., Mo.

60 Apples On 3 Year Old Tree

"I have 3-yr.-old Stark's Golden Delicious trees with as many as 60 apples on them. They bloomed and bore when 2 yrs. old. They are the hardiest, fastest growing trees in my orchard."—Adam Roth, Calhoun Co., Ill.

Annual Bearing Explained by National Authority

In a letter from Prof. Wendall Paddock, Horticulturist, Ohio State University, he refers to the tendency of such varieties as Rome Beauty and Jonathan in Colorado to produce fruit from lateral buds, and that this makes these varieties in that state more nearly annual bearers. He continues: "But I have thought for some years that if we could develop this tendency in our apples it would go a long way toward **solving the question of annual crops.** For after all is said and done, why is the peach an annual bearer and the apple intermittent? One would suppose that the advantage would be in favor of the apple, so it may easily be that the **method of bearing may be all important.** Anyway, we know that the original Golden Delicious tree has produced annual crops, the young trees have come into bearing early and the grafts beat anything that I ever saw.

"If this feature of bearing proves to be characteristic of the variety, I look for it to be the **starting point of a new race of apples,** for it should be possible to combine the bearing habit with other flavors and colors. I do not hesitate to endorse the Golden Delicious as very promising for such qualities as vigor, early bearing, productiveness; the fruit is attractive, of good size and shape, excellent in quality and a long keeper."

Early Bearing Brings Quick Financial Returns Says N. Y. Expert

"At your branch nurseries, I saw some wonderfully fine trees. I was particularly impressed with the very vigorous growth of your Golden Delicious in the nursery. After viewing Golden Delicious in bearing, I am more convinced than ever of the commercial possibilities of your Golden Delicious. The five year old grafts in the old

tree were loaded with a bumper crop of fruit of **excellent size and quality.** This is all the more indicative when I learned from you that that was the fourth crop those top grafts had borne, and that they had only received one summer spray. This suggests that the fruit is **disease resistant.** Flavor is very good after storage. It has attractive appearance and apparently a late keeper. Wood strong enough to hold up a heavy crop. On the young trees examined some of the fruit was borne on spurs and terminals, but the majority on axillary buds from one year wood. Its early bearing habit is, of course, desirable for promoting **quick financial returns** from the orchard and its habit of fruiting from axillary buds should be a big factor in bringing about **annual bearing.**"—Prof. Joseph Oskamp, Ext. Horticulturist, N. Y.



**131 APPLES ON TREE
LITTLE MORE THAN 1 YR. OLD**

"This Stark's Golden Delicious tree only a little more than 1 year old set 238 apples this spring. I took off 106. It matured 131 apples. Thrifty and the new wood made a growth of 20 inches by middle of July" writes E. J. Stewart, Yamhill Co., Oregon, who has 15 acres of orchard.

Defies Frosts and Freezes

Besides its late blooming habit, the unique character of the three different sets of blooms in the Golden Delicious is **even superior to just late blooming** as sometimes the late bloomers come out and are caught by frost after the mid-season bloomers have set a crop and are thus past danger. The blooms and spurs coming out just before Rome Beauty and the blooms from the laterals after Rome Beauty enables the tree to be **practically sure of getting a crop** no matter how unfavorable the weather.

We had good crops of Stark's Golden Delicious in our test orchards at Louisiana, Mo., where we have hundreds of varieties under test and **practically all others failed on account of frost**. Other growers in various sections of the United States had the same experience with Stark's Golden Delicious bearing good crops when almost all other varieties failed. Its hardiness of buds, late and long blooming season made these wonderful results possible.

'Why This Variety Dodges Frost'

In recent years, when late frosts have been quite prevalent in certain sections, thereby causing a big loss to growers of certain varieties, the importance of late blooming and frost resistance has been strongly emphasized by leading orchardists and scientific horticulturists.

This is one reason why Rome Beauty, particularly, has come in-



BORE 7 APPLES IN IOWA WHEN ONLY 1 YEAR OLD

T. J. Kelly, Buena Vista Co., Ia., writes:—"The latest bloomer in my orchard. Also made wonderful growth. Only a little over one year old, but is 66 inches tall and has 55 inch spread."



BORE WHEN OTHERS FAILED

The tree above is one of the thousands of Stark's Golden Delicious that bore good crops where practically all other varieties failed on account of late frosts and freezes. We had good crops of Stark's Golden Delicious in Test Orchards—and so had growers in practically every section of the U. S.

to very strong favor—because of its late-blooming tendency and the fact that it will produce crops in spite of frosts, when crops of most other varieties are badly injured.

James U. Harris, the very well-known Colorado apple authority has been carefully observing and recording the blooming habits of Stark's Golden Delicious for sev-

eral years. He writes, "They start to blooming a few days before the Rome Beauty—the laterals lasting in bloom several days later than the Rome." (Note—Rome Beauty is one of the latest bloomers and for that reason escapes late frosts when earlier bloomers are sometimes killed.)

Late Bloomer—Naturally Hardy

Golden Delicious, being as late a bloomer as Rome Beauty (and the blossoms from the lateral buds are even later than Rome) is thus very valuable because of this important characteristic. Furthermore, the buds are **naturally very hardy** and resist extremely severe winters.

Others Fail—Prices High

Fruit prices are highest in seasons when most other varieties are killed by frost—that is when the lucky growers who have Stark's Golden Delicious will "cash in" with big profits.



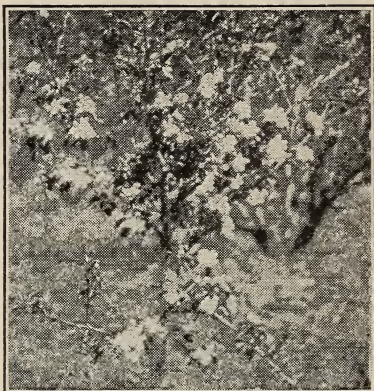
A WONDER 3-YEAR-TREE

A. Johnson, Jackson Co., Ore., and his wife standing beside Stark's Golden Delicious Tree bearing big crop last year—147 apples. He received \$13,000.00 for his apple crop from 40 acres last year—refused \$40,000.00 for his orchard.

Bore Despite Three Hard Frosts and Two Freezes

Spring, of 1921 in many sections was the worst for fruit in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. There were 3 late hard frosts and 2 ruinous freezes, right after an extra warm March had brought forth the tender fruit blooms. In spite of this, Golden Delicious bore in 33 states.

But—Stark's Golden Delicious produced good crops of fine apples after the frosts, because of its frost-dodging blooming habit.



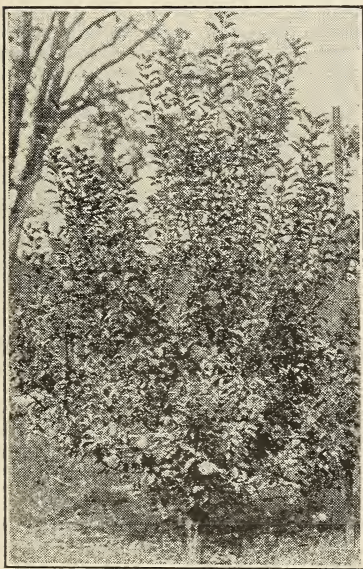
THE SAME TREE IN BLOOM

The above photo shows the 147 apple Stark's Golden Delicious belonging to A. Johnson, Jackson Co., Ore., in bloom. Note the profusion of blossoms. Mr. Johnson started as an orchardist when over 65 years old. By the aid of his good judgment and Stark Trees he is well fixed today at 86.

This remarkable variety of fruit tree puts forth 3 different sets of blooms, resulting in a long blooming season. First—the ordinary fruit spur buds. Next—the terminal bloom-buds. And, then, lateral bloom-buds. Two sets of blooms may get frosted—and still the third can produce an abundance of fruit. We know of no other apple that does this.

"Unequalled Bearing Record of Original Tree"

The original tree in West Virginia, a state where late frosts are often very destructive, has borne practically every year since we first heard of the original tree. The originator in his statement to us said—"Four years ago there were no apples in this country (due to late frosts) but Stark's Golden Delicious had a full crop. Blossoms very hardy—never failed to bear."—A. H. Mullins.



FROST "GOT" FIRST BLOOM BUT TREE BORE 36 APPLES

This remarkable photo was sent us by Mr. Geo. E. Smith, Bristol Co., Mass., who wrote:—"This Stark's Golden Delicious is 3 years planted. The tree is 12 feet tall. Bore 3 dozen apples, the result of second blooming, as frost got the first blossoms. It also bore last year, when 2 years old. They don't fall off like other varieties, but hold on like grape fruit. Not one apple fell off this tree this year. No sign of disease. Best variety for New England."



FOURTH CROP IN 4 YEARS

This is the fourth crop in succession on the Stark's Golden Delicious top-grafted tree shown in photos on Pages 20 and 29. Its regular bearing ability amazes all beholders. Bore a big crop even in 1921, the year of the 3 frosts and 2 freezes—froze at Easter Time when in bloom.

Hardy--Grow Faster Than Others

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees are hardy and grow faster than other trees. Everyone says it beats anything they ever saw. **Had apples this year, when frosts and freezes killed all other varieties.**"—S. P. Swank, Wabash Co., Ind.

2-Year-Old Trees Bear Despite Blizzard

"I put out Stark's Golden Delicious trees 2 years ago. They bore several apples last spring after going through that hard blizzard we had. **The freeze killed everything else I had in fruit crops.** I am well pleased with them and the Stark's Golden Delicious trees are now a good deal larger than the apple trees that were set out a year before the **Stark's Golden Delicious.**"—J. P. Lawrence, McCurtain Co., Okla.



50 APPLES AT 3 YEARS IN WIS.

In Wisconsin where only hardy varieties are successful, Stark's Golden Delicious has made an enviable record in extreme vigor, great hardiness, and early heavy bearing. Mr. John Kuenzli, Milwaukee Co., Wisc. wrote:—"Photo shows three year old tree bearing 50 apples."

Director Faurot of the Missouri Exp. Station Strongly Impressed with Frost Resistance.

"The young trees of Golden Delicious which we set last spring made a better growth than any other variety which we planted.

"This inclination of Golden Delicious to bear in unfavorable seasons, I consider of more importance, especially in the Ozarks, than quality."—F. W. Faurot, Director Missouri State Exp. Sta.

Long Blooming Period—Dodges Frost—Later Than Rome

"Stark's Golden Delicious started to bloom a few days before Rome Beauty—and the laterals lasted in bloom several days later than the Rome Beauty."—(Long Blooming Period—dodges frost) Jas. U. Harris, Mesa Co., Colorado. (Later—"The Stark's Golden Delicious in my judgment is one of the greatest apples ever brought forward. A large yellow apple of delicious flavor, heavy bearing and splendid keeper.")

Unharmred, Though Baldwins Suffered

"Though Baldwins, McIntosh and some other varieties were injured during Spring freeze, our Stark's Golden Delicious appears perfectly normal."—S. P. Hollister, Prof. Pomology, Conn. Sta.

Bore 46 Apples When 2 Years Old

"My Stark's Golden Delicious set out 2 years ago are surely wonders. Last spring I cut them all back very heavily except one. I saw it was going to bear. It was full of blooms and 42 apples stuck regardless of the many freezes and frosts we had. Later there were more blooms put out and a second crop of 4 apples stuck, making 46 in all, while most of all other varieties were killed. The apples now measure 10 to 11 inches around."—R. D. Hall, Cochise Co., Ariz.

3-Different-Bloom Habit

"The fruit bud formation of the Stark's Golden Delicious tree is the height of perfection. It forms fruit buds of every type—spur, terminal and basal or leaf."—G. C. Starcher, Hort. Ala. Exp. Sta.

Only Variety To Escape Injury

After the fearful frosts and freezes of Spring, 1921, Thomas F. Rigg, President American Poultry Association, Ft. Wayne, Ind. wrote:—"Severe damage to all varieties of apples except Stark's Golden Delicious. Its buds not injured."

30 Degrees Below And No Injury

"Golden Delicious gave some fruit at second season after they were budded on the large trees and each season after. I feel that they will be a good apple to withstand frost as they have such a long blooming period; also hardy here as we had a winter with 30 degrees below zero and trees are in good condition." J. A. Waters, Farlin Co., Idaho.

Editor's Note: Mr. Waters sent us forty bushels of Golden Delicious from his orchard.

Bore Despite Very Cold Weather

"This year my Stark's Golden Delicious, 3 years old, bore in spite of very cold weather here. I have found this variety to be the thriest grower, the youngest bearer, and able to stand more cold weather than any apple I know of. All my trees of this variety have grown fine this year."—W. A. Stair, Cleburn Co., Arkansas.

Bore Despite Frost In N. J.

"The Stark's Golden Delicious trees that I set out bloomed at the age of 2 years and we allowed only one apple to the tree to bear. This year, in spite of frost and freezes, we had apples on several of these 3 year old trees. The Stark's Golden Delicious variety is strong, thrifty, and certainly bears very young."—Robert E. Forbes, Burlington Co., N. J.

Succeeds In Canada

A fruit tree is more apt to defy frosts, if it blooms late. Listen to this:—"Our Stark's Golden Delicious blossomed May 26. The blooms are looking very strong this spring."—Evans Bro's, Pen-ticton, B. C.

No Danger From Frost

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees now 3 years old have made a rapid growth. They are healthier and more vigorous than other trees. Stark's Golden Delicious trees run no danger of frost catching them as they bloom so late. I also have 40 Stark Delicious (red) and certainly have no kick coming on them."—J. R. Osborne, Cleveland Co., North Carolina.

Only Variety That Bore

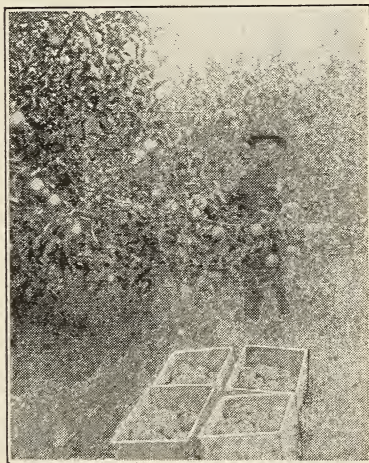
"My Stark's Golden Delicious are 2 years from whips. They bore this year—2 years old. All my trees failed to bear except the Stark's Golden Delicious. They are in all respects better than any of the other varieties I have. Stood the frosts and freezes we had last May. One of the 2-year-old trees bore 13 apples."—D. Armentrout, Clinton Co., Iowa.

Bears When All Others Fail

"The Stark's Golden Delicious are growing faster than the Winter Banana planted 2 years previous. I haven't had any Winter Banana apples as yet, but I did have Stark's Golden Delicious apples on my trees this year, when all other apples froze in the Spring. I wish I had land enough to plant 1000 apple trees. They would be Stark Delicious (red) and Stark's Golden Delicious."—Wm. Heileg, Lycoming Co., Pa.

Bore After Illinois Freezes Says Ex. Pres. Ill. Hort. Society

"My 15 Stark's Golden Delicious trees are now 3 years old. One of them bore when 2 years of age. This year 5 out of the 15 bore apples. This variety is a very robust grower. It is the youngest bearer out of 20 varieties that I have. The heavy frost in April didn't touch my Stark's Golden Delicious trees."—A. W. Brayton, Ogle Co., Illinois.



ENORMOUS STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS

Above shows the immense size of this variety of apple—grown by J. L. Webster, Chelan Co., Wash. in the famous, "Golden Delicious Orchards" These apples averaged as large as 48 to the bushel—much larger than we show in our books.

A Great Degree of Hardiness

The hardiness of Stark's Golden Delicious trees has been amply demonstrated. There is no question but that it is one of the hardiest of the commercial apple varieties.

Reports have come to us from most reliable growers and noted horticulturists who have tried out Stark's Golden Delicious in northern Iowa, Minnesota, Maine, Wisconsin, Canada and other northern points emphasize the **FACT** that this tree is wonderfully hardy.

Many have repeatedly declared this variety to be "as hardy as Wealthy". It has successfully gone through winters where the thermometer fell to "30 below" in Idaho—"withstood two of the hardest winters in Maine's history without injury"—"bore after 28 below in Minnesota."

In bud and bloom it is naturally extremely hardy. Also its famous 3-time-blooming habit is one of the **reasons** for its resistance to late frosts and freezes.

Withstood Severe N. Y. Winter

"Here in New York, the Stark's Golden Delicious is **entirely hardy**. The trees that were out during the **severe winter** came through without injury."—Prof. Jos. Oskamp, Ext. Prof. Pomology, N. Y. State Col. of Agri., Cornell University.

Hardy As Wealthy and Snow

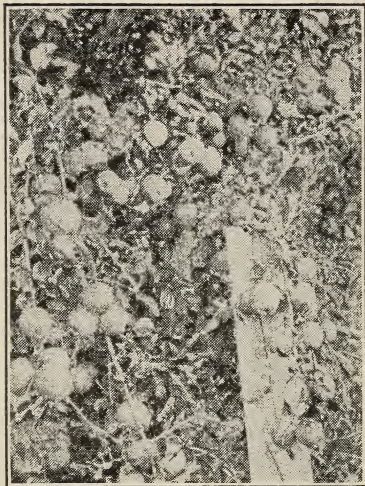
"Stark's Golden Delicious has blossoms **after the very severe winter**. This variety can stand as much cold as the Wealthy and Snow apple trees. We did not lose one of our Stark's Golden Delicious trees—and they are the strongest growers in our orchard, too."—Sebastian Zangwirth, Winnebago Co., Wisc.

Survived Severe Canadian Winter

"My Stark's Golden Delicious have come through 2 of the **coldest winters that we have had in years**. The temperature fell to 27 and 28 degrees below zero several times. Last spring my trees came out fine and did well all summer, despite the fact that it was very dry. Of all the trees that I have ordered from you, I have lost only one."—Alfred Desfardius, Glenelm, Quebec.

Bore Despite Hardest Winter

"My Stark's Golden Delicious was a 1-yr.-old whip when planted 3 years ago. When 2-yrs.-old it had two apples. This year, in spite of frosts and freezes it bore 14 apples. It is vigorous and **HARDY**, having withstood two of the most trying winters in 40 years in Maine. Healthy and bears young. Fruit has exceedingly rich and colorful flavor—superior to Grimes Golden."—H. A. Richardson, Portland Co., Maine.



BIG CROP IN 4-YR. IN CANADA

Evans Bro's, Penticton, Canada, sent in the photo above and wrote:—"Here is a 4-year-old Stark's Golden Delicious grafted on a Baldwin. Bore 80 apples this year. Approximate height 18 feet—spread 8 feet."

Defied Worst Winter In N. H. History

"Stark's Golden Delicious passed through very severe weather last winter here in New Hampshire. The weather killed fruit trees and even forest trees, broke them down. In all my experience I never saw a worse winter. Despite this terrific winter, the Stark's Golden Delicious trees are now in bloom, though only 2 years old. It is the **very hardiest** and most rapid grower of all of the **68 varieties** I have under my care."—E. S. Walker, Belknap Co., New Hampshire.

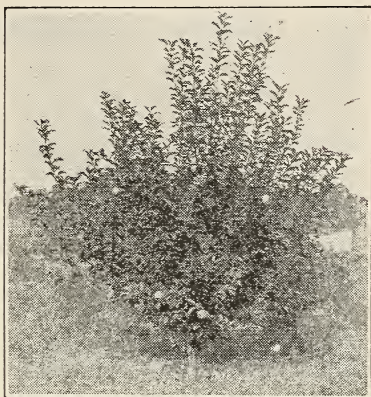
Survived Hard Test In Minn.

"I planted several Stark's Golden Delicious trees 3 years ago in our home orchard. They have **passed through 2 winters without injury**, although I have given them no special care. Last summer was the driest and hottest we have had for years, and in the winter the thermometer went as far as **30 degrees below zero**."—Ed A. Solseth, Chippewa Co., Minn.



BORE 125 APPLES IN 4th YEAR

"This 4-yr.-old tree is 9 ft. tall and bore 125 apples this year," writes Mrs. L. Karnell, King Co., Wash. "They have borne ever since they were two yrs. old."



3 YRS. OLD—12 FT. TALL

When he sent us this photo, Mr. Geo. E. Smith, Bristol Co., Mass., stated:— "This 3-yr.-old Stark's Golden Delicious was loaded with fruit this year, but some one stole all the best ones. It is fully 12 ft. tall, with 10 ft. spread—apples very large."

Unharmd By Drought and Zero Weather

"Planted Stark's Golden Delicious in the Spring of 1919, doing fine. One-third more vigorous than Wealthy here and a much better appearing tree. The winter after being set out (winter of 1919) **was our hardest winter on trees**, as it was a dry fall and froze early. The coldest weather was 25 below zero, but the Stark's Golden Delicious came through all right."—Frank Benda, Rush Co., Minnesota.

Hardy In New York

"Stark's Golden Delicious trees on our test grounds here are **perfectly hardy**. Our Stark's Golden Delicious are making a splendid growth."—Prof. George H. Howe, N. Y. Exp. Sta., Geneva, N. Y.

Hardier Than Wealthy

"I find Stark's Golden Delicious trees to be **100% more vigorous** here than other apple trees. It has been down to **25 degrees below zero**, but it hasn't hurt Stark's Golden Delicious one bit. I believe they are **hardier** than Wealthy."—B. A. Kidder, Lyon Co., Minnesota.

Most Vigorous Tree Grown

The Variety That Possesses Astonishing Vigor and Vitality

The unanimous opinion of apple authorities and growers is that the Stark's Golden Delicious is **the most vigorous growing variety ever introduced.**

This is a pretty strong statement, but it is no more positive than the declaration made by growers who have had a few years of orchard experience with this variety.

It is also easily the **strongest growing variety** in our nurseries throughout the country. And, of course, as we said before, it bears young in spite of the fact that it sets forth such amazing growth. This variety is the exception that proves the rule that an apple tree that is making very strong wood growth tends to delay bearing. Contrary to other varieties, the **stronger the growth, the more fruit is borne by Stark's Golden Delicious.**

Every one of 250 Tree Orchard Bears 3rd Summer

One of the most striking instances of the combination of great vigor and early bearing is that shown in the 250 tree N. J. orchard where **every tree** made vigorous growth and bore heavily the 3rd summer after planting. (See photo on page 26.)

Mr. Chas. Riedenbaker, the owner of these trees, a successful

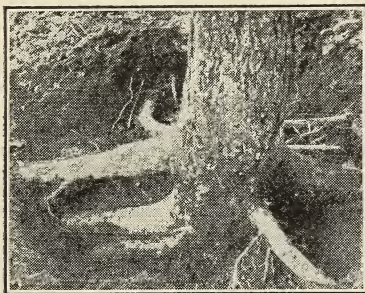


1-YR. STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS TREES IN OUR PACKING SHEDS

This variety shows its superiority in the nursery rows, too. Just look at the splendid size of this 1-yr. nursery stock. Note the big, healthy roots. Prof. Paddock, of Ohio University, who saw these trees in our apple nurseries, said, "I never saw such fine yearling trees in my life. Some showed fruit spurs and fruit buds for next year."

orchardist in Burlington Co., N. J., furnishes proof of the remarkable vigor of this variety—even under unfavorable circumstances.

Two years ago he added 250 Stark's Golden Delicious trees to his plantings. This past summer, "those 250 trees all bore—from 20 to 80 big apples each." Mr. Riedenbaker further states:—"The trees are very rapid growers and hardy. I never knew of any other apple that bore so young and had such heavy crops. It is the best apple grown—very large, fine color, exquisite flavor."



WIDE--SPREADING ROOT SYSTEM

These are the roots of the Original Golden Delicious tree, when we first saw the tree. Note the wide-spreading, exceptionally strong brace roots obtained despite fact that soil is very thin, being only 1 1-2 to 2 feet above solid rock on a steep mountain side. It was necessary for us to be sure that the root system (the foundation) of this variety was strong and resistant to disease. The young Stark's Golden Delicious trees inherit these admirable root-growth characteristics. See photo of 1-yr. nursery stock on page 16 and page 38.

And E. N. Ricks, Wayne Co., N. Carolina, writes:—"I don't know what it is about your trees that makes them grow and bear so well, but they have got anything beat that I ever saw in the way of fruit trees—and I have been in over 20 different states! My Stark's Golden Delicious, planted 2 years ago, had fine apples on them this year."



MISSOURI PROFESSORS INSPECTING 14-MONTHS-OLD STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS

Prof. Leonard Haseman, Chief Inspector, Missouri State Agricultural College, Columbia, Mo., with Mr. S. Lloyd, his assistant, inspecting wonderful growth of 14-mos. old Stark's Golden Delicious in Paul and Lloyd Stark's orchard—which now contains 15,000 Stark's Golden Delicious trees.

Ideal Growth in Orchard

The growth of the tree in the orchard is upright spreading. Many experts who have pruned Golden Delicious trees say it is an ideal grower in orchard. The limbs do not form sharp crotches but are well braced and are strong and tough, thus having ability to bear immense crops without breaking.

Finest Yearlings Prof. Paddock Ever Examined

"In regard to the Stark's Golden Delicious in your Arkansas and Southern Missouri propagating grounds, that I visited. I never saw such fine yearling trees in my life. The Stark's Golden Delicious stock was exceptionally fine. The young trees presented a sturdy, vigorous growth and some of them showed the presence of fruit spurs and fruit buds for next year."—Wendell Paddock, O. State Horticulturist, Columbus, O.



BEARING AT 2-YRS. IN MO.

"This is one of my Stark's Golden Delicious set out 2 years ago. It is 11 ft. tall, 7 ft. spread. Ahead of all other kinds."—G. W. Staples, Benton Co., Mo.

Made 1-3 to 1-2 Better Growth Than Other Varieties

"I run onto orchardists in nearly every community of this state who have planted Stark's Golden Delicious. In our own Experiment Station orchards, we have 120 Stark's Golden Delicious trees alongside of Rome, Willow Twig, York and Jonathan—and the Stark's Golden Delicious has made from 1-3 to 1-2 more growth than any of the other four varieties."—F. W. Faurot, Director Mo. State Exp. Station, Mt. Grove, Mo.

LATER—Prof. Faurot decided to set out an orchard for his personal profit. He had decided to plant Grimes Golden, but after seeing the behavior of Stark's Golden Delicious in the Mo. State Exp. Sta., he eliminated Grimes and planted Golden Delicious.

Finest Rooted Trees

"The Stark's Golden Delicious trees are the finest rooted trees I have ever planted. They made the best growth of any variety I ever saw."—Alfred W. Vose, Providence Co., R. I.

Bore At 2, 3, and 4 Years

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees bore when 2 years old. I have found that they are the only kinds of apples to plant and Stark's Golden Delicious and those I have are surely doing the best of any variety in my orchard. The trees are now 4 years old and I have Stark's Golden Delicious apples to exhibit at the fair. This variety is the best I know of. They bring the highest prices on the market today. I will mail you an order this Fall for more Stark's Golden Delicious trees."—Albert Beam, Pend Oreille Co., Wash.

Best Trees Because Biggest Roots

"I really believe it would pay me to pull up all my 6 year old trees of other varieties and reset my orchard with Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious. All my Stark's Golden Delicious are doing fine. They are the best trees I ever laid eyes on. I guess the reason is they had the foundation—the big root system that you folks grow on your trees so successfully."—G. B. Garst, Roanoke Co., Virginia.



18-MONTHS-OLD TREE

Stark's Golden Delicious in Paul Stark's orchard 18 mos. after planting. Observe the wonderful, shapely growth.

1000 Trees Averaged 6 Foot Growth Each

"The 1000 one year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees I set out last fall put on a 6 foot growth this season. All my neighbors have visited my orchard (Stark tree orchard) and marvel at the growth of the Stark's Golden Delicious trees. They are magnificent in every way, the foliage is very abundant, large and a rich dark green. I fully believe Stark's Golden Delicious to be the apple sensation of the century."—O. O. Sutton, Pres. Riverview Orchards Co., Braxton Co., W. Va.

Exceptionally Strong Grower

"The Stark's Golden Delicious is an exceptionally strong grower. Must be classed as "best" in quality. Has as long a season as Rome Beauty and Stayman Wine-sap."—Prof. J. H. Gourley, Chief Department of Horticulture, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio.



BORE AT 14 MOS. IN ILLINOIS

Fred R. Carpenter, Champaign Co., Ill. forwarded the above photo and wrote:—"This Stark's Golden Delicious tree is 14 months old and is bearing."

Planted 500—Wish Had Planted 1500

"The Stark's Golden Delicious trees just received are just as fine as frog's hair. Never saw such clean, healthy, well-rooted trees as the Stark's Golden Delicious. Wish now I had bought 1500 instead of 500!"—Garland J. Hopkins, Prop. GARLAND ORCHARDS, Botetourt Co., Va.

Grown To Twice Size Other Varieties.

"Stark's Golden Delicious trees are much more vigorous and disease resistant. In fact, my 3 yr. old trees of this variety are almost twice the size of any other variety planted at the same time. It is absolutely the most wonderful yellow apple tree that I have ever seen."—Clinton H. Stockey, Fairfax Co., Virginia.



GREW LUSTILY DESPITE DROUGHT

L. T. Stringer, Sumner Co., Tenn., planted this Stark's Golden Delicious tree in the Spring. This photo was taken in Sept. same year. He wrote:—"Despite very dry season, it has grown fine. Two branches have grown 40 in. two, 55 in. and two 50 inches."

Wonderfully Disease Resistant

Undoubtedly the abundant vitality and vigor of the Stark's Golden Delicious variety has much to do with its fine disease-resistance.

Back in Massachusetts, they have proved themselves resistant to **Fire-Blight** and the attacks of many insect pests. Fred Hinds, the well-known orchardist in Middlesex Co., Mass. states:—

"The Stark's Golden Delicious were practically **free from insect pests** that were so prevalent here. Also, they were **not affected with fire-blight**, which was among our worries."

Disease Resistance a Big Asset For Orchardist

It is an undeniable fact that this great golden apple and the tree that bears it, are both strongly resistant to many diseases—including apple scab on fruit and foliage, blotch, etc. We have seen crops of this variety given only one spray with a small hand sprayer and yet there was **not a scabby apple in the whole crop**. There has never been any signs of collar-rot on the old original tree or the younger trees of this variety.

In fact, Horticulturists from many states who have visited our test orchards and nurseries have remarked frequently on the freedom of our Stark's Golden Delicious from many forms of diseases. Prof. W. A. Brock, of Illinois University and Secretary of Illinois Horticultural Society called our attention to the fact that in an orchard containing a large number of varieties, many of which were badly affected by Scab, Golden Delicious trees were **entirely free from scab on both fruit and foliage**.



THIS 4-YEAR-OLD TREE HAS BORNE 3 CROPS

F. D. Straight, Allegan Co., Mich., states:—"Stark's Golden Delicious trees bear when mere babies—and you can't kill 'em with an axe, that's all."

Healthiest Trees He Ever Saw

"Apples examined on March 9th were quite firm and juicy—texture and juice was all that could be desired in an apple at this season."

"This tree (Stark's Golden Delicious) strikes me as the **most healthy and vigorous** that I have ever seen."—H. L. Lantz, Asst. Chief Pom. Section, Iowa Agric. Exp. Sta., Ames, Iowa.

Healthier Than Other Varieties

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees were 2 years old last spring. They are **healthier and thriftier** than any trees I have ever planted. I also have Stark Delicious (red) and I am well pleased with them."—Lum Calhoun, Avery Co., N. C.

Free From Disease

"The Stark's Golden Delicious trees are **free from disease**, vigorous, thrifty and have put on good growth. They are **very hardy**. One tree had apples on it the 3rd summer."—Wm. H. Stites, Hill-head Orchards, Henderson Co., Kentucky.

Not Affected By Disease

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees have **grown faster** than other varieties that I have and are not affected in any way by any disease."—R. L. Graham, Tazewell Co., Virginia.

None Can Compare With It

"I have never seen any variety that can compare with Stark's Golden Delicious in **disease resistance and vigor**. None of mine have become diseased or died. Furthermore I have never found one of them that was troubled with Borers."—F. A. Herzog, Marion Co., Missouri.

Wonderfully Disease Resistant

"We have found Stark's Golden Delicious trees in our orchard to be **wonderfully disease resistant, vigorous and thrifty**. Our trees of this variety are doing fine and are two years old and bore fruit this year."—Dr. Amelia Weicksel, Manager for Dr. K. L. Storm, Bucks Co., Pa.



BEARS EVERY YEAR IN OUR TEST ORCHARD

When all others failed Stark's Golden Delicious bore this enormous crop. Never missed crop since two years old in our celebrated Test Orchards, where hundreds of varieties are tested for years. For young heavy regular bearing, vigorous growth, luxuriant healthy foliage and all 'round orchard worth, have never seen its equal. Entirely free from scab—other sorts nearby badly affected.

Most Disease Resistant Trees I Ever Saw

"Stark's Golden Delicious that I have are certainly the most vigorous trees I ever saw. They **resist disease the best of any trees** I have ever planted. They are as **hardy as an oak**. I fully believe that Stark's Golden Delicious is **going to be the best apple in W. Va.**"—Geo. I. Baldwin, Marvin Co., W. Va.

Free From Fire-Blight and Other Diseases

"Stark's Golden Delicious is the best apple variety of all for **disease resistance and early bearing**. My Stark's Golden Delicious are free from any fire-blight or any disease of any kind while other varieties near are blighted. My Stark's Golden Delicious bore at 2 years of age—and I have Stark's Golden Delicious apples again this year, (the third year) though the frosts got all my Northern Spy and Baldwin."—Wm. E. Heileg, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania.

Apples Cling Tightly Permitting A Long Picking Season

Stark's Golden Delicious on account of its long, strong stem and clinging characteristic, can be picked during a long period although the proper time for picking is soon after the Jonathan are picked.

With short stemmed apples, like Jonathans and Grimes, if allowed to become ripe, a large part of the crop may be lost by dropping to the ground or by windstorms. Many years test has proved that Stark's Golden Delicious can be picked any time from early picking season—soon after Grimes or Jonathan is the proper time—or it can be left on the tree for a month or longer, if necessary. We have left Stark's Golden Delicious crops on the tree for test as late as November 15th. During this time they have gone through heavy freezes. These apples, picked at two week intervals, and then put in storage have all held up remarkably well—the later picked apples keeping

practically as well as the early picked ones. Golden Delicious with its ability for holding-on tightly matures heavy crops and even in severe wind storms the fruit hangs on. The limbs are strong enough not to break even when the trees of many other varieties are damaged and much of their crop knocked off.

Pres. of Ind. Hort. Society Says Wonderful Commercial Characters

Mr. W. M. Walton, ex-president of the Indiana Horticultural Society, after inspecting crops of Golden Delicious said:—"The long stems of the fruit keeps it from dropping. The best quality of the Ben Davis is that you can pick when you want to or delay a week or ten days. Golden Delicious has this extremely valuable character. I never heard of such a bearing record before. All the scientists will have to eat their own words, 'that strong wood growth does not go with early bearing.' I consider Golden Delicious an exception which proves the rule.

To get an apple of the quality and productiveness of Golden Delicious that will not rush one in harvest time is a wonderfully fine thing for the large grower as it means a much longer harvesting season."

Hangs On Despite High Winds

"The Stark's Golden Delicious apple has a very long stem. This enables it to stand quite a wind storm and not fall. The long stem can give more than a short stem."—Silas Wilson, owner famous Wilson Orchards, Idaho.

Baldwins and Grimes Blew Off—Golden Delicious Stuck On

"Stark's Golden Delicious apples stand storms. We had a severe storm yesterday which blew off two-thirds of my Baldwins and one-half of my Grimes Golden. In the same block, not a single Stark's Golden Delicious was on the ground after the storm."—R. A. Knisely, York Co., Penna.



YIELDS 45 LBS. IN 4th. YEAR

Herman Klotz, King Co., Wash., in sending us above photo states:—"This year I picked a full box—45 lbs.—from this 4-yr.-old Stark's Golden Delicious tree, bore last year too. Every apple perfect—no disease. No rain for 3 mos. —not an apple fell but all other varieties lost half of their fruit."

Testimony of the States

Arranged by States Alphabetically for Quick Reference

Most of the leading fruit authorities of America—the state horticulturists and foremost commercial orchardists—have given their testimony in this book—the result of **careful tests and investigations**. Never before in the history of fruit growing has any variety received such a strong endorsement—both for its fruit and the tree qualities.

Read this testimony from these careful, conservative authorities and we believe that you will find the answer to any question you may have in mind. You can **now** go ahead and plant that **commercial orchard** of Stark's Golden Delicious with confidence, knowing that you have behind you the **unanimous endorsement** of America's best informed horticulturists and growers.

How To Use This Book

On account of lack of space in this small book, it is, of course, possible to publish only a few of the thousands of reports received from every section of America.

If you do not find all of the points covered under the state you are interested in, we suggest that you refer to the neighboring states where the orchard conditions are practically the same. You will doubtless find every question answered by the growers themselves. More reports from growers in your state will be sent you on request. We can doubtless furnish you with all the reports you wish—doubtless some from growers right in your neighborhood.

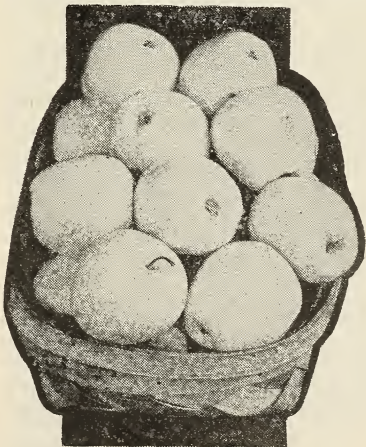
750,000 Already in Orchards— Sold Out Early Every Season.

Far-seeing American orchardists have planted **750,000** Stark's Golden Delicious trees in every apple-growing section of the U. S. Although 750,000 is an exceptionally large quantity, nevertheless the only thing that has limited the planting of Golden Delicious is the fact that Stark Bro's could not propagate them fast enough to meet the demand of orchardists who immediately recognized its money-making value. Every season we have sold our entire available supply of this variety long before the planting season was over. The wise orchardist who plants Golden Delicious will have, within a few years, a money-making crop that will bring highest prices on the market and will be enabled to take advantage of the publicity that has been given this variety and help to fulfill the big con-

stantly increasing demand for apples of this variety by the apple-consuming public.

The Ideal Profit Combination

Stark Delicious and Stark's Golden Delicious! What a combination! Plant big orchards of them and gather the big profits that are sure to come! Stark Delicious is here. Its reputation is secure and it is recognized as the king of red apples all over appledom. Golden Delicious, its ideal market mate is the most talked of apple—the yellow apple that is revolutionizing apple growing and has given a new color to the late winter fruit stands of America.



**MOST BEAUTIFUL APPLE
IN WORLD**

For 50 years American orchard growers have been looking for a widely successful, long keeping golden apple equaling Grimes Golden in quality and without Grimes Golden tree weakness. In this apple we have found it—in Golden Delicious.

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A Real Acquisition Says U. S.

Pomologist

"From what we are seeing of this variety, it appears to be without question, another real acquisition to the apple variety list.

"It was not until this season that I had a real introduction to its merits. It would seem from the reports that the Golden Delicious has a **remarkable wide range of adaptability**, as does the Delicious. I received late last spring, Golden Delicious which had been held in storage from the previous season's crop, the apple when received, being in **excellent condition**. This suggests that in the Golden Delicious there is a variety which like the Delicious, comes in season in the late fall, but will hold well in

storage throughout the winter. Of course an important point in a variety having the color of Golden Delicious is the **ability to withstand storage conditions without scald**. This, of course, is an outstanding weakness of the Grimes Golden when held for any considerable length of time in cold storage."—Prof. H. P. Gould, Pomologist, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Fresh And Crisp Until March

Says U. S. Pomologist

On March 20, C. P. Close, Chief Pomologist, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Dept. Agriculture, Washington, D. C., wrote us:—"The Stark's Golden Delicious apple picked last fall arrived in good condition today (March 20). The flesh was crisp and of fine quality. I am glad to note that this variety keeps so well."

Alabama

SEE PAGE 34—Prof. Starcher, Ala.

Bearing Near The Gulf Of Mexico.

"Two years ago, I top-worked an old yellow English apple tree at Auburn, Alabama, to Golden Delicious, in a territory not supposed to be in the apple belt. It made a heavy growth the 1st year and a heavy crop one year after being grafted. I later top-worked another part of the same tree to Golden Delicious. It made an exceptionally vigorous growth and set a fine crop. Fruit practically free from disease; large, beautifully shaped and unusual quality. Young trees growing in the neighborhood have made unusually heavy growth. I am thoroughly convinced that this apple is very promising, even at the extreme lower edge of the apple belt."—G. C. Starcher, formerly Prof. of Horticulture, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Lee Co., Alabama.

Arizona

SEE PAGE 34—R. D. Hall, Ariz.

Arizona State Horticulturist Says His Growers Well Pleased

"We find Stark's Golden Delicious maintained its reputation of good keeping quality. It was in perfect condition, flavor excellent (Feb. 6th).

"We have bearing trees of this variety scattered throughout Arizona and our growers seem well pleased with it.

"We thank you for the opportunity to see something further of this fine new variety of yours."—F. J. Crider, State Horticulturist, Tucson, Arizona.

Never Saw Anything Grow like 'Em

"I never saw anything grow like Stark's Golden Delicious. They bloomed last year and had apples (at 2 years old.)."—W. H. Marshall, Cochise Co., Ariz.

Arkansas

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SEE PAGE 35—W. A. Stair, Ark.

Arkansas Extension Horticulturist Believes Will Make A Leading Variety

"Please allow me to state that both varieties possessed excellent quality and were in good condition. I am already finely impressed with the Delicious and I also believe that with the excellent tree habits it has, combined with the quality and storage possibilities, the Golden Delicious will make one of our leading yellow apples."—C. Woolsey, Extension Horticulturist, Arkansas Experiment Station.

Bear Younger Than Others

"Stark's Golden Delicious trees are much younger bearers than others. This variety will pay for itself many times over before other varieties are beginning to bear. The apples are also proving to be wonderfully good keepers and I shall want 500 more trees of this same variety."—F. W. Garner, Greene Co., Arkansas.

9 Out Of 10 Trees Bore At 3 Yrs.

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees were set out Spring of 1919. 7 out of the 10 trees bloomed in 1920 and had 22 apples. 9 of the 10 bloomed and bore about 100 apples this year (1921). They are by far the youngest bearers and are the most thrifty I ever bought."—S. D. Kenison, Yell Co., Arkansas.

Bloom 3 Different Times

"Stark's Golden Delicious trees are far superior to all others. Trees of this variety in my orchard have bloomed three different times in one spring, and with each blooming they have set fruit. Young Stark's Golden Delicious trees that I set out two years ago last February bloomed and bore fruit this past summer."—Paul Hayden, Faulkner Co., Ark.

Fine and Firm 9 Months After Picking

"The other day I received a Stark's Golden Delicious apple that had been picked last September, and I was certainly surprised to see here in June of the following year a last year's apple, and have it reach me in the condition this one did. It was fine and firm and the flavor was all there. The flavor reminds me of Grimes. For me this is saying a great deal. Certainly the keeping qualities of this apple are remarkable."—Prof. Geo. G. Becker, Chief Inspector, Arkansas State Plant Board, Little Rock, Ark.



2-YEAR-OLD STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS TREE BEARING 14 BIG APPLES

J. R. Cooper, State Horticulturist of Arkansas, took this photo of this tree, planted only 2 years ago, in orchard of Arkansas Exp. Station. He says "It bore 14 fine Stark's Golden Delicious as big as those shown in your color plate."

California

SEE PAGE 19—Luther Burbank, Calif.

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Keeping Praised By Burbank

"Stark's Golden Delicious apple (picked last year) received in June this year reached me in **best condition**—tender, sweet and delicious. We have found Stark's Golden Delicious an **unusually young bearer**."—Luther Burbank.

128 Apples At 2 Years

"The Stark's Golden Delicious I planted in 1918, bore in 1920. One tree bore 128 apples, another 70 apples. In 1920, despite heavy thinning, I gathered more than **80 pounds of large, perfect fruit from one tree** (when 2 years old). In 1921, when 3 years old, the larger of these 2 trees was 12 ft.



18 BIG APPLES ON 2-YR. TREE

Ira A. Klein of Tuolumne Co., Calif., sent in the above photo saying:—"It bore 18 fine apples this year. Was planted in 1918." Look at the simply marvelous growth of this tree.

high, beautifully shaped and looked to be at least 5 years old."—Frank L. Wingard, Fresno Co.

Famous Authority Instantly Recognized It As Leading Apple

The late Dr. J. C. Whitten, head of the Department of Pomology, California Agricultural Experiment Station, formerly head of the Horticultural Department in Missouri, than whom there was no higher authority declared years ago when he first investigated this variety—"Golden Delicious will prove itself to be one of the **leading apples of the country**."

Tropical Flavor In March

"The Stark's Golden Delicious apples (picked last year) reached me in good condition in late February. For nearly a month I gave them a severe test for keeping qualities. They stood it remarkably well. In March I divided them and gave a "taste" to several friends. They were all highly pleased. This apple has a **delightfully delicious individuality all its own**. Fine, juicy texture. Flavor reminds me of the tropical richness of a banana. Its attractive golden color is a prophecy of the satisfying quality within"—Frank Femmons, Madera Co., Calif.

Bore Fruit After Frost "Got" First Bloom—All Bore

"I had one little experience with my Stark's Golden Delicious trees. When one of these trees was only one year planted, I picked two apples off the tree at harvest time. Last summer they were two years old and every tree bore from six to fifteen apples. Now, these trees did this, **despite the fact that we had a severe frost**. This frost killed the first bloom but the second bloom on the Stark's Golden Delicious trees set and matured six to twelve fine apples to the tree. Despite the fact that these trees are **bearing so young**, they are also growing into fine **big, well-branched trees**."—J. E. Parrish, San Luis Obispo Co., Calif.

N. J., Md., Del., & Washington, D. C.

New Jersey

No Scald After Keeping 9 Months

Prof. M. A. Blake, Chief in Horticulture N. J. Agr. Exp. Station, formerly with the Rhode Island and Mass. Exp. Stations, President of the Society for Horticultural Science, Pres. of the N. J. State Hort. Society, stands among the leaders in horticultural educational work and in scientific advancement. His opinion carries the weight of conservatism, careful thought, and experience.

"This appears to be a most attractive yellow apple of fine quality. It would seem that another variety has appeared that is going to make a strong bid to place itself in our commercial list."

"The Stark's Golden Delicious apple picked last Fall that we received and ate in late June, year after, arrived here in perfect condition (after 1,000 mile journey in hot June) and did not show any bruises or scald. When eaten it proved to be juicy and had **retained its flavor** very well."—M. A. Blake, Chief in Horticulture, Agricultural Exp. Sta., New Brunswick, N. J.

3 Years Old—15 Feet Tall

"I have a Stark's Golden Delicious tree only 3 years old. It is now over 15 feet tall with a spread of about 8 feet. This variety is **ahead in everything**."—A.M. Becker, Cumberland Co., N. J.

Bore 80 Apples At 3 Years Old

"I planted 250 Stark's Golden Delicious trees 3 years ago. Some of them actually **bore apples when the trees were only 18 months planted**. This year, with the trees not quite 3 years old, **they are**

ALL bearing! One of the 3 year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees was loaded down with 80 apples and others were quite heavily loaded. I find Stark's Golden Delicious very hardy, rapid grower and the apple itself cannot be beaten for eating. The flavor is fine. It is the best yellow apple grown. I never knew of any other apple that bore so young and had **such heavy crops** of fine large apples."—Chas. Riedenbaker, Burlington Co., N. J.

Bore Despite Frost In N. J.

"The Stark's Golden Delicious trees that I set out bloomed at the age of 2 years and we allowed only one apple to the tree to bear. This year, **in spite of frost and freezes, we had apples on several of these 3 year old trees**. The Stark's Golden Delicious variety is strong, thrifty, and certainly bears very young."—Robert E. Forbes, Burlington Co., N. J.

More Juicy Than Grimes

From report of New Jersey State Horticultural Society:—

"Specimens of Stark's Golden Delicious received were of good size, attractive and of high quality. The flavor and quality is fully equal and in some respects, **superior to Grimes Golden**. It is more juicy than Grimes Golden and will undoubtedly keep longer in storage."

Crow Better Than Other Varieties

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees planted 3 years ago have made more growth than other varieties in my orchard. 2 of the Stark's Golden Delicious trees bore fruit this past summer. They are now 10 feet high with nice tops. All of the fruit trees that I purchased from you are doing fine."—W Burroughs, Atlantic Co.

Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co., Louisiana, Mo.

Bear At 15 Mos.—Keep Perfectly

"My Stark's Golden Delicious made a very splendid growth during the past 27 months since planting. I am enclosing herewith a small kodak view taken last month which shows more clearly than words can tell of the early bearing ability of the variety. It has something over a hundred nice apples on at the present time.

"The few apples which the tree bore last year kept very well until about New Years when they were so tempting looking that we ate them. They were then as sound and fine looking as when they were picked off the tree. Their flavor was certainly delicious too. I think it is truly the best apple I ever had in my orchards."—A. Russell Paul, Warren Co., N. J.

Grow Big—Bear Young

"I have Stark's Golden Delicious trees that bloomed and bore this past year. The trees are growing very nicely. One of my Stayman Winesaps now 2 years old had 10 good sized apples on it this past summer."—Lester E. Bates, Westmont Co., N. J.

Bore 6 Apples At 2 Years

"There were 6 apples on one Stark's Golden Delicious tree this year. This tree was set out 2 years ago. The trees do fine with us, at the present time (Oct. 25th) they are still full leaved and green."—B. H. Reed & Sons, Mercer Co., N. J.

Never Saw Any Variety Grow Like It.

"I have Stark's Golden Delicious that bore at 2 years old. Never saw anything grow like Stark's Golden Delicious."—J. S. Robbins, Monmouth Co., N. J.

Maryland

E. C. Auchter, is head of the Department of Horticulture, at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. Formerly Assistant Professor of Horticulture and Assistant Horticulturist of West Virginia Experiment Station. Professor Auchter has done much valuable work along horticultural lines and is a recognized authority on such subjects as pruning, fertilizers and fruit spur work. He has been an important factor in advancing the horticultural development of West Virginia and Maryland.

One Makes One Want More

"Our class in Systematic Pomology tested some Stark's Golden Delicious apples the other day. The quality was exceptionally fine. All of the class preferred the Stark's Golden Delicious. It seemed to have a little more acid and snap in its taste and made one want more. Texture very fine and tender, flesh juicy and a better keeper."—E. C. Auchter, Head Dept. of Horticulture, Maryland.

Later: It looks as if this variety is destined to play a prominent part in certain apple growing regions.—E. C. Auchter.

Bears At Two Years Of Age.

My two-year-old Stark's Golden Delicious had blossoms. These trees seem to be unusually vigorous, outgrowing a majority of others and having nice clean bark and vigorous dark green leaves.—H. H. Boyer, Baltimore, Maryland.

Later: "My Golden Delicious are bearing a few apples and I am waiting for these to ripen as I am extremely anxious to sample them. This is a two year old tree."

Surpass Every Other Tree

"My Golden Delicious trees are two years old and by far surpass every other apple tree I ever saw grow. I had to move the tree after it was planted and this delayed bearing."—Harry S. Grover, Hartford Co., Maryland.

Only Stark Bro's Can Sell Golden Delicious Trees

Remarkable Vigor And Hardiness

"The Stark's Golden Delicious variety is certainly a **wonderful grower**. I have one tree of this variety that is **now 10 feet high**, after being torn down almost to the roots by a dog—it persists in growing."—Andrew J. A. Omers, Baltimore Co., Maryland.

Not 2 Years Old—8 Feet Tall

"Stark's Golden Delicious trees **excel all others in vigor and thriftiness**. I have one Stark's Golden Delicious tree that **isn't two years old**, that is **now 8 feet tall**. It is also the **hadiest and most prolific** tree that I have been able to find anywhere. I am now thinking seriously of planting ten thousand more trees, and frankly, I wouldn't think of planting trees from any other nursery than Stark Bro's."—Marshall W. Brooks, Washington Co., Md.

Thrifty, Doing Fine.

"My Golden Delicious trees are two years old this fall. They bloomed this summer. The tree is **thrifty—doing fine** and has made more rapid growth than any other variety. It is now eight inches in circumference."—Hiram Post, Worchester Co. Maryland.

Bore Despite Maryland Frosts

"The Stark's Golden Delicious trees I bought from you 2 years ago have **made a wonderful growth**. They had a lot of blooms this spring and **despite cold weather, with frost, there are half a dozen apples on them now**."—J. E. Toler, Montgomery Co., Maryland.

Better Than Grimes Golden

"I picked two Stark's Golden Delicious apples from my trees this Fall—and the flavor was **fine—very much better than Grimes Golden** and I believe that Stark's Golden Delicious is the coming yellow apple."—B. H. Knepper, Washington Co., Maryland.

Long Blooming Season.

"My Golden Delicious three years old, has made better growth than any other apple tree I ever planted—and no signs of disease of any kind. Had at least sixty blooms last spring when that awful freeze came which killed all bloom. Other blooms came out later."—Roy H. Singer, Carroll Co., Maryland.

Delaware

C. A. McCue, Professor of Horticulture of the Delaware College, Newark, Delaware; Instructor of Horticulture at the Michigan Agricultural College; Professor of Horticulture, and Horticulturist of the Experiment Station at Delaware is one of the Eastern leaders in horticulture. Delaware growers have recognized his ability and most of them have been wise enough to follow his mature advice.

Delaware Authority Delighted

"I received a sample of Stark's Golden Delicious apple late in December. The apple was **certainly in fine condition**, despite the fact that it had been shipped several thousand miles, and had been exhibited in several apple shows. I was very much impressed with its **quality, flavor and keeping possibilities**. With the market for yellow apples successfully paved by Grimes Golden, I am sure that there will be **no difficulty in marketing this great yellow apple** to succeed Grimes on the market."—Prof. C. A. McCue, Dean and Director

Not Subject To Blight

"It has been my **experience** with Stark's Golden Delicious trees that they are **not as subject to blight as many other varieties**. This is one of the most thrifty varieties I have ever seen."—Horace H. Hudson, Sussex Co., Del.

Stark Bro's Nurseries & Orchards Co., Louisiana, Mo.

Washington, D. C.

Strong Statement From The U. S. Pomologist

The Golden Delicious which you were good enough to send a few days ago was placed in the refrigerator and remained there until today (June 20th) when it was taken out and tested by a dozen or more of the office force. They all pronounced its flavor rich and pleasing. The flesh was **firm and crisp** and in general, the apple was in splendid condition. I am glad that the Golden Delicious holds up so well in storage.—Prof. C. P. Close, U. S. Pomologist, Washington, D. C.

U. S. Pomologist Says A Real Acquisition—No Scald from Storage

"From what we are seeing of Golden Delicious, it appears to be without question **another real acquisition** to the apple list.

"It was not until this season that I had a real introduction to its merits. It seems from the reports that the Golden Delicious has a **remarkably wide range of adaptability** as does the red Delicious. Late last spring I received Golden Delicious which had been held in storage from the previous season's crop—they were in excellent condition. This suggests that Golden Delicious will hold well **in storage throughout the winter**. Of course, an important point in a variety having the color of Golden Delicious is the ability to withstand storage **without scald**. This, of course, is an outstanding weakness of Grimes Golden when held for any considerable length of time in cold storage."—H. P. Gould, Pomologist, U. S. Dept. of Agr., Washington, D. C.

(Editor's Note: The point brought out so forcibly by Prof. Gould regarding the ability to **withstand storage scald** is one of the strong points of the Golden Delicious. Year after year we have kept Golden Delicious in storage until late summer—10 months after picking. The Golden Delicious has **always come out of storage with bright yellow golden color without showing scald**. These same apples have been shipped to practically every state in the Union in mid-summer and many reports from apple authorities can be read under chapter of "Keeping Qualities.")

2-Yr.-Old Trees Bear 15 Apples

"I have Stark's Golden Delicious trees 2 years old, one of which bore 15 apples this season. They sure are **thrifty trees and bear very young**."—William E. Allen, Washington D. C.

Youngest Bearer In Orchard

"I have a Stark's Golden Delicious tree, planted only two years ago, that bore 15 apples this summer. This is certainly a **very thrifty** variety, and the **youngest bearer** I have ever seen.

I bought Stayman Winesap trees from you some years ago and I wish you could see the crop of apples on them this year."—William E. Allen, Washington, D. C.

Tested By U. S. Pomologist

I tested specimens of Golden Delicious grown near Washington, D. C. this season and they gave me my first introduction to the real snap and spiciness of the apple.—Prof. H. P. Gould, Pomologist of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Only Stark Bro's Can Sell Golden Delicious Trees

Colorado

SEE PAGE 31—James U. Harris, Colo.

SEE PAGE 34—Jas. U. Harris, Colo.

SEE PAGE 23—Prof. Sandster, Colo.

Will Displace Grimes Golden

The Golden Delicious is a fine commercial apple that will undoubtedly displace Grimes Golden and other yellow apples in the market. I was much surprised at its keeping qualities and its quality.—E. P. Sandster, Horticulturist, Colorado Agricultural College

All That We Claim

"All my young Stark's Golden Delicious trees are doing fine and growing good. This is a very hardy variety and I am sure that the trees are all that you claim. One of them had five perfect apples on it last summer. I also could say a good word for your Stark Delicious. These trees in my orchard have been bearing every year for the last five years. This year they were loaded and I sold 15 bushels from one tree alone."—C. A. Smaha, Jefferson Co., Colorado.

Hardest Variety In Orchard

"I have Stark's Golden Delicious trees that are now 16 months planted. This is the hardest variety that I have ever seen. Its vigor is wonderful. I have one tree, 16 months old, that is now 8½ feet high although it was pruned back 40 inches just this last spring. By actual measurement, it had made a growth of 5 feet 2 inches since the first of April this year. I have 25 Stark's Golden Delicious trees and all of them will measure at least 8 feet tall."—A. B. Harmon, Garfield Co.

Connecticut

SEE PAGE 34—Prof. Hollister, Conn.

Crisp and Juicy

"Very attractive, crisp, juicy. Where they can be grown like these specimens, I would advise growers to plant heavily."—S. P. Hollister, Prof. Hort., Conn.



40 APPLES ON 2-YR. TOP GRAFTS

Photo above shows 40 Stark's Golden Delicious apples on 2-yr.-old top-graft in orchard of S. Swank, Wabash Co., Ind.

Bore Splendidly At 3 Years

"Stark's Golden Delicious trees turned out very good for me. One of them, only three years old, bore 14 apples this last summer. They were fine, large apples and we were certainly very much pleased with them."—Mrs. John Evans, Fairfield Co., Conn.

Delaware

SEE PAGE 4—B. G. Pratt, Dela.

Delaware Authority Delighted

"I received a sample of Stark's Golden Delicious apple late in December. The apple was certainly in fine condition, despite the fact that it had been shipped several thousand miles, and had been exhibited in several apple shows. I was very much impressed with its quality, flavor and keeping possibilities. With the market for yellow apples successfully paved by Grimes Golden, I am sure that there will be no difficulty in marketing this great yellow apple to succeed Grimes on the market."—Prof. G. A. McCue, Dean and Director

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Georgia

Georgia Horticulturist Thinks Will Become a Favorite

"We tested it and found the quality very delicious and should, in my estimation, become a favorite apple at this season, as it will be an extender of the season of the Grimes Golden. I would like, if possible, to have three or four of these apples from you for the use of my class in Pomology if convenient for you to send them. I also hope this winter to plant some of the Golden Delicious here."—T. H. McHatton, Horticulturist, State College of Agriculture, Georgia.

Created A Sensation Says Georgia Orchardist

"Our Stark's Golden Delicious began fruiting this year and we have them on exhibit here where they are creating a sensation and much inquiry—**well suited for this section** and there has been nothing finer hereabouts—notwithstanding that this apple county has taken first prizes many times at apple shows."—Rabun County, Georgia, Apple Company.



"ALL BIG APPLE BUYERS SAY GOLDEN DELICIOUS FINEST AND SHOWIEST APPLE

Tree as hardy as Stark Delicious and Wealthy. Sets an apple for every blossom, every apple set grows to maturity—clings fast to tree."—Photo shows Silas Wilson, owner 750 Acre Orchard, in his Golden Delicious Orchard Trees, Canyon Co., Idaho.

Idaho

SEE PAGE 34—J. A. Waters, Idaho.
SEE PAGE 44—Silas Wilson, Idaho.
SEE PAGE 18—Silas Wilson, Idaho.

State Horticulturist Surprised

"The Golden Delicious reached me in very good condition. I am certainly surprised that it will stand up so well after having been shipped around from various districts. The Golden Delicious has a very good flavor."—C. C. Vincent, Professor of Horticulture, University of Idaho.

Unquestionably More Vigorous

"All my Stark's Golden Delicious trees are fine and are **unquestionably more vigorous** than any other variety I have ever planted. I consider all stock purchased of Stark Bro's **superior**—very noticeably so."—J. W. Slaughter, Ingham Co., Michigan. Former Director of Horticulture, Idaho Technical Institute.

Heaviest Bearers In Famous Orchard

"Our Stark's Golden Delicious are bearing heavier than any other variety in the famous Silas Wilson orchards this year."—J. P. Gray, Pres. Wilson Orchards Co., Canyon Co., Idaho.

Bore When Others Failed

"My block of Stark's Golden Delicious trees are now 3 years old. One of these **bore when all other trees** (I have 100 fruit trees in my small orchard) **failed to bear.**"—W. S. Addington, Kootenai Co., Idaho.

Best Yellow Apple

"As an apple of flavor, show and keeping qualities, the Stark's Golden Delicious can't be beaten. Much superior to all other yellow apples."—B. Boudinier, Payette Co., Idaho.

4-Years-Old—12 Feet Tall

"I have Stark's Golden Delicious trees in my orchard that are **four years old. They average 12 feet high.** None of them have ever had any disease of any kind."—Carl Seck, Twin Falls Co., Idaho

Illinois

SEE PAGE 35—A. W. Brayton, Ill.
SEE PAGE 41—F. R. Carpenter, Ill.
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SEE PAGE 19—E. H. Riehl, Ill.

A Marvelous Keeper

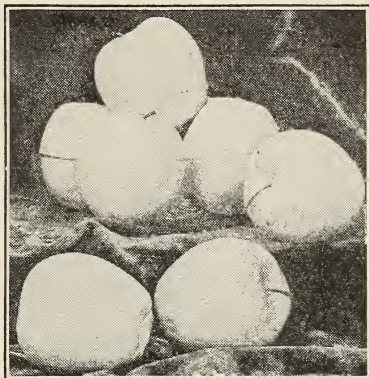
"In late June I received a sample of Stark's Golden Delicious apple that had been picked the previous September. I can certainly say that it is a **marvellous keeper** as well as an apple of **extraordinarily high quality**. In this tree you certainly have a **Bonanza**. The tree is undoubtedly vigorous, both in bearing wood and resistant to fruit and foliage diseases."—Prof. W. S. Brock, Secretary Illinois State Horticultural Society, Urbana, Illinois.

Its Very Nature Assures Regular Bearing

"It is very probable that Stark's Golden Delicious will prove an annual bearing sort. The nature of its **fruit-bud formation** goes a long way to prove this. The apple has a rich golden color, wonderful aroma, fine texture and flavor. Its **extra long keeping ability** has been proven, too. Apples are free from habit of dropping at or near maturity. **Both fruit and foliage are free from diseases** and tests indicate high disease-resistance. Extremely vigorous trees. You are performing a service to horticulturists in finding, testing and introducing this variety."—W. A. Ruth, Assistant Professor Pomology, Univ. of Illinois.

A Heavy Cropper

"I picked 8 bushels Stark's Golden Delicious off **2 trees**. This variety is certainly prolific and the apple is large, smooth and good inside."—Ross P. Shinn, Pike Co., Illinois.



LOOK AT BIG SIZE OF THESE APPLES

Here are a few average size specimens of Stark's Golden Delicious apples. You can grow them as big as these—right in your own home or commercial orchard. "The showiest apple the commercial buyers ever saw", says Silas Wilson, Prop. 750 acre orchard, Canyon Co., Idaho.

Wonderful Quality

"The **quality** of the Stark's Golden Delicious apple is **so wonderful**, and its **keeping quality so remarkable**, that these two characteristics, combined with the fact that it hangs well on the tree and bears big crops, makes me believe that **this variety should be planted in numbers equal to all other varieties of apple trees put together.**"—A. B. Anthony, Whiteside Co., Illinois.

Bore Though Planted Only A Year

"I planted some Stark's Golden Delicious trees one year ago last March. This year one of these trees bore fruit. This variety is **far ahead of anything else** in my orchard. I must say that the Stark's Golden Delicious apple is **the finest I ever ate**. I am glad to say that I now have planted a Demonstration Orchard of 250 Stark's Golden Delicious trees. All these trees have made a **simply enormous growth.**"—Joe Brangenberg, Calhoun Co., Ill.

Illinois



LOOK AT THIS 5½ MOS. TREE!.

This photo was sent to us by Henry Sherwin, Scott Co., Ill., who wrote:—"A Stark's Golden Delicious tree 5 1-2 mos. from planting—bigger now than trees my neighbor bought from another nursery and planted 4 years ago."

Bore Young—Grew Big

"I have 3 year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees with as many as 60 apples per tree on them. All these trees also bore when two years old. Despite the fact that they bore when so young, they have all grown into big fine trees."—Adam Roth, Calhoun Co., Illinois.

Far Superior To Trees He Got Elsewhere

"I am pleased with and proud of my Stark's Golden Delicious trees. They have made a good growth and are strong, sturdy, healthy looking trees. In fact, all the fruit trees I bought of Stark Bro's are far superior to any of the fruit trees I ever could get elsewhere."—N. W. Peterson, Peoria Co., Ill.

Ideal In Growth and Heavy Bearers

"Stark's Golden Delicious bids fair to supersede ALL apples on our long list. The tree is ideal in growth, unusually healthy, very young and profuse bearer and the quality of the fruit is the very best."—Jos. Gerardi, St. Clair Co.

2-Yr.-Old Tree Bears 50 Apples

"One of my two year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees set 50 apples this year. Although these trees have gone through two very dry seasons, they have made wonderful growth. If I were setting out another orchard I certainly would plant nothing else but Stark trees."—Fred Biggs, Vermillion Co., Ill.

Youngest Bearer Of 20 Varieties

"My Stark's Golden Delicious are now 3 years old. One bore at 2 years of age. This year 5 out of 15 bore crops. They are very robust growers, too. The youngest bearer out of 20 varieties that I have."—A. W. Brayton, Grundy Co., Ill.

Fruited At 18 Months

"The Stark's Golden Delicious tree that I set out a year ago this spring bore three well-developed apples this year. Remember, this tree is only 18 months in the ground."—B. R. Smedley, Schuyler Co., Ill.

Set Fruit When 1 Yr. Planted

"Just one year ago this past spring I set 74 Stark's Golden Delicious trees in some newly cleared ground. On the first of May this year I found 27 blooms on one tree. These 27 blooms set 6 apples. I know this seems almost incredible, but it's a fact. All these Stark's Golden Delicious trees are making wonderful growth and I expect to pick quite a little crop of apples off them when they are two years old."—J. E. Nelson, Calhoun Co., Illinois.

Indiana

SEE PAGE 19—Prof. Cullinan, Ind.

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Early and Annual Bearing Tendency Impressed Indiana

"Bearing on one-year wood is a most valuable asset. Another valuable characteristic is very vigorous growth under different environments. I think your Company may justly be proud of Stark's Golden Delicious. I was greatly impressed by the appearance of the fruit and tree of this sort—it shows a remarkable tendency to come into bearing early and to bear annual crops. This is a valuable asset. However, one of the most important points in its favor is its keeping quality. Unfortunately, many of our best apples are not good keepers. A trip to your nurseries at Farmington, Arkansas, and Marionville, Mo., was certainly a rare treat. I was amazed at the remarkable growth which you are able to secure on your nursery stock in a single season. I had never seen the equal to it in the country. The length of the season and soil there are favorable to this and I know these trees received the best care. I can see how you are able to recommend very strongly one year old trees for planting."—F. P. Cullinan, Associate in Pomology, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

Apples Not Damaged By Insects

"I think Stark's Golden Delicious is the world's greatest apple. Here in my orchard not a single Stark's Golden Delicious apple was damaged by insects. All of the other varieties were badly worm-eaten. Furthermore, the heavy bearing ability of the Stark's Golden Delicious trees can't be beaten. I had to prop and tie up the limbs of my trees of this variety because of the extra heavy crop."—J. W. Arthur, Wabash Co., Ind.

Will Be Tremendous Bearer

"All reports indicate that Stark's Golden Delicious will be a tremendous bearer and that it will bear at an early age. I received in August some Stark's Golden Delicious apples picked the year before. The apple ranks very high in quality and it has more juice than Grimes Golden. I think you will make no mistake in planting Stark's Golden Delicious."—wrote Benj. W. Douglass when Sec'y. Indiana Fruit Assn. in answer to inquiry made by Ind. Orchardist.

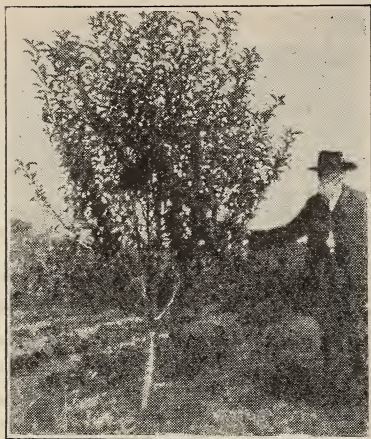
Young Tree Bore Big Crops

"One of my young Stark's Golden Delicious trees had at least a full peck of fine apples on it this past summer. This is one of the same trees that bore when two years old. We are delighted with the general healthy appearance of these trees."—Mrs. T. G. Pearson, Owen Co., Ind.



MARVELOUS 2-YEAR OLD TREE

Prof. Otis Crane, College Agriculture Instructor, Marion, Ind., sends in photo above, stating:—"This tree, set out 2 yrs. ago, is now 9 ft. tall. Though it grew three feet eight inches this summer, it also bore 21 apples. I picked all but 6.



"AWAY AHEAD OF ANY OTHER"
"Away ahead of any other variety!"
declares W. H. Willey (above), Wab-
sunsee Co., Kansas. Tree is 2 years
old—9 feet tall, with 6 ft. spread.

Free From Disease In Indiana

"Stark's Golden Delicious are the best trees I ever saw. No disease. They bloom late and are absolutely hardy. I have 3 year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees that are 3 inches in diameter and 10 feet high. They bore when 2 years old and bore again this year, despite the frosts and freezes—when many other varieties failed."—S. M. Hotchkiss, Jackson Co.

Bears Every Year In Indiana

"My Stark's Golden Delicious are now 3 years old. They bore when two years old and bore again this year when many other varieties failed on account of frost. Stark's Golden Delicious are the best trees I ever saw. They have no disease, bloom late and are absolutely hardy. I have 3-year-old Stark's Golden Delicious trees that are 10 feet high and are 3 inches in diameter. Everybody who sees them say they are the finest trees they ever saw. I have about 3000 Stark's trees and everyone of them is a perfect picture."—S. M. Hotchkiss, Jackson Co., Indiana.

Iowa

SEE PAGE 28—H. F. Edens, Iowa.
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"Certainly Deserved Award"

"I was very glad to learn that the Golden Delicious was awarded the Wilder Silver Medal by the American Pomological Society. It certainly deserves this award as it has a great deal of merit, much more than any which have come into existence in a number of years."—T. J. Maney, Chief Dept. of Pomology, Iowa Exp. Station.

Bearing Full Crop At 4 Years

"I could not ask for any better or hardier trees, or better apples than the Stark's Golden Delicious. My trees of this variety look fine. All of them bloomed and bore at three years and are bearing a full crop again this year."—John A. Demuch, Monroe Co., Iowa.

Delightful Flavor After Keeping 9 Months

"I received a Stark's Golden Delicious a few days ago (June)—that was picked last Fall. The apple was in excellent condition and had a delightful flavor. That proves to me that Stark's Golden Delicious is an excellent keeper and it certainly is a fine tasting apple."—John Thompson, Editor The Iowa Homestead, Des Moines.

Young Bearer—Heavy Cropper

"Had several Stark's Golden Delicious bear this year. A very strong, healthy grower. Young bearer and heavy cropper. Fruit large."—M. J. Worth & Sons, Mondamin Co., Iowa.

Remarkable Growth—Much Hardier

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees (planted 2 yrs. ago) had a lot of bloom on them this year. They are lots hardier than other varieties, too."—Guy Hummer, Johnson Co., Iowa.

Kansas

SEE PAGE 24—Prof. Kelly, Kansas.

Congratulations From Kansas Agricultural College

Congratulations on the success accomplished with your creation—the Golden Delicious: you are maintaining the good record and prestige that has been held for a long time by the Stark family.—W. M. Jardine, President Kansas State Agricultural College.

Thrifty Growers In Kansas.

"I do not believe that we can say too much for Stark's Golden Delicious. I have visited quite a number of our orchards here in Kansas where we planted Stark's Golden Delicious and they are growing thriftily."—E. G. Kelly, Ext. Entomologist, Kans. Exp. Sta.

"I Call Them 'Everbearers'!"

"Stark's Golden Delicious trees beat anything in my 50-acre orchard. I have about 300 Stark's Golden Delicious trees and I wish all the trees in my entire orchard were like them. I call all my Stark's Golden Delicious "everbearers" as they bloom three times in the spring. That makes them frost-proof. This variety bore in my orchard when two years old and this year Stark's Golden Delicious apples won First Prize and Second Prize at our county fair. They are also the fastest growers I ever saw and, should I decide to increase my acreage, I would certainly plant Stark's Golden Delicious."—S. Hahn, Montgomery Co., Kansas.

Fruited Heavily At 2 Years

"There is no question about the fact that Stark's Golden Delicious are far ahead of all other varieties. All my Stark's Golden Delicious fruited heavily when two years old."—W. F. Simmons, Bourbon Co., Kansas.

Kept Until August

"I have lots of faith in Stark's Golden Delicious, having seen and

eaten its fruit in December and again in August (apples of crop of year before), showing its wonderful keeping qualities. The 100 Stark's Golden Delicious trees I bought of you last Spring were certainly fine one-year trees, straight stem and smooth, fine roots. All are growing fine—some making 3 foot of growth in year, which is extraordinary. The trees are very symmetrical in growth and make beautiful orchard trees."—Jas. Sharpe, owner famous Sharpe Orchards, Pres. Kans. Hort. Society.

2-Year-Tree Bore 55 Apples

"One of my two year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees bore 55 apples this summer. These trees are exceptionally thrifty, also."—P. P. Doze, Kingman Co., Kansas.



"I WOULD NOT TAKE \$25.00
FOR THIS TREE!"

So writes J. R. Stevens, Sumner Co., Kansas. "It measures 8 ft. 1 in. from ground to top—was set out a year ago last April and I cut 2 ft. 4 in. from the main top this spring."

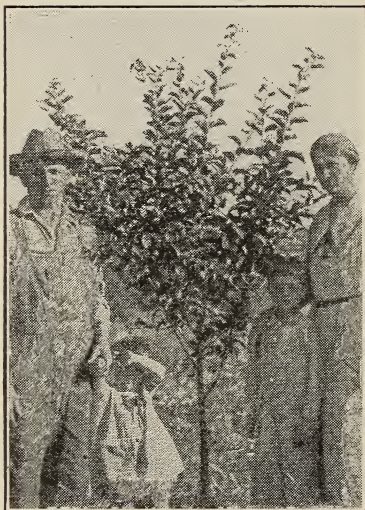
Kentucky

SEE PAGE 43—W. H. Stites, Ky.

Kentucky State Hort. Impressed With Commercial Characters

"Received the Golden Delicious. All of our staff agree that it is an apple of the highest quality. From its firmness at this season of the year, it seems safe to assume that it has **superior keeping qualities**. Its clear skin, so free from blemishes or disfigurements of any kind, makes it one of the **most attractive of all yellow apples**.

"From its abundant and early production as seen growing on the young tree and as top grafts, I think you have ample justification for anticipating that it will become a **very important and profitable commercial sort** and I shall await with great interest the behavior of our own trees of this variety."—Prof. C. W. Mathews, Horticulturist, University of Kentucky.



BEARS 6 APPLES AT 2 YEARS

Harry Wayne Crider, Miami Co., Ind., is here shown with his family beside a 2-yr.-old Stark's Golden Delicious tree. He writes:—"It bore 6 apples this year. Very quick in growth, thrifty and hardy."

Bore Young Despite Freezes

"My Stark's Golden Delicious are now 3 years old. At 2 years they bore apples as fine as any I ever saw. This year, despite 3 hard freezes in the spring, **they are yielding good crops of fruit**. I have never grown trees that could equal the trees I have purchased from you, especially the Stark Delicious and Stark's Golden Delicious. **They are the finest fruit trees ever**. I never planted a Stark tree that failed to make good."—Howard Moore, Butler Co., Kentucky.

3-Yr.-Olds Larger Than Other Varieties 7 Years Old

"My Stark's Golden Delicious 3 years old are larger than some 7 year old trees of other apple varieties I have. Very vigorous."—E. Spurrier, Lyon County, Ky.

Resists Diseases and Insects

"The Stark's Golden Delicious tree resists diseases and insect pests—and is a strong and thrifty grower."—Asa Kelly, Ohio Co.

2-Yr.-Old Kentucky Trees Bear

"I am well pleased with Stark's Golden Delicious. They bloomed the 2nd year and **two of them bore 5 apples each**. They are the only apple trees I would buy any more."—S. H. Combs, Morgan Co., Kentucky.

President Ky. Hort. Society Says: "Seems Very Hardy."

Have Stark's Golden Delicious—10 third summer; 50 second summer. One tree had two apples on it third summer. They are vigorous, put on good growth are thrifty and have not developed any disease. Trees seem very hardy.—W. H. Stites, Hillhead Orchard, President Kentucky State Horticultural Society.

Stood Cold Weather Fine

"My Stark's Golden Delicious stood the cold weather fine. It put forth 45 blooms and now has 10 apples. Looking **fine and healthy, too**."—J. M. Thornton, Calloway Co., Ky.

Juicier Than Grimes Golden

"Stark's Golden Delicious is the most beautiful yellow apple I ever saw. Much larger and more attractive than Grimes Golden. The flavor is far superior to Grimes Golden, **more juicy, spicier and higher flavor.**"—Asa Kelly, Ohio Co., Kentucky.

The "Growingest" Tree He Ever Set Out

"I can certainly recommend Stark's Golden Delicious trees as the 'growingest' I ever set out. My Stark's Golden Delicious, when I set it out two years ago was the smallest tree in the lot. Now—it is the largest tree of them all. It bore this year when **2 years old.** Send me your price list, I want to buy more Stark's Golden Delicious trees."—Dan Martin, Clay Co., Ky.

Extraordinarily Vigorous

"Our experience with Stark's Golden Delicious trees has proven them to be **extraordinarily vigorous.** This is one of the **thriftiest** of all varieties. Every tree is **full of vitality.** The name 'Stark' attached to apple trees, is recognized here by all intelligent farmers, as a **stamp of excellence.**"—G. B. Bird, Pike Co., Ky.

Louisiana

Bore At 3-Years In Louisiana

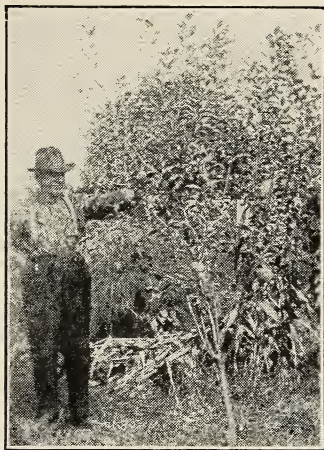
"My 3-year-old Stark's Golden Delicious bore 9 apples."—A. herz, St. Tammany Co., La.

Made Best Growth of 20 Varieties

"I have 20 varieties of apple trees on test and the Stark's Golden Delicious made the best growth of all of them. Furthermore, my Stark's Golden Delicious bore apples this year."—A. Fromherz, St. Tammany Co., La.

Growing Fine And Producing

"Stark's Golden Delicious are dandies. They are doing fine for me, growing and producing fruit of the **finest quality.** I want to buy some more."—F. M. Rose, Morgan Co., Ky.



BORE 21 APPLES AT 2 YRS.

J. Ginther, Edwards Co., Ill., said, when he mailed in above photos—"This 2-yr.-old Stark's Golden Delicious tree bore 21 apples this year. It is the greatest apple I ever saw."

Maine

SEE PAGE 36—H. A. Richardson, Me.

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Almost Sure Frost Dodger

"I am glad to say that my Stark's Golden Delicious trees bore mighty young—when 3 yrs. old. They are making a **very vigorous, healthy growth.** One remarkable fact about the Stark's Golden Delicious variety is that the **spur buds and the terminal buds blossom at different times,** thereby extending the period of bloom and making this variety an **almost sure frost dodger.**"—Herbert A. Richardson, Cumberland Co., Me.

Believes Hardier Than McIntosh

"I really believe that the Stark's Golden Delicious variety is **just as hardy as your Stark Delicious,** which is a "World Beater". I really believe that the Stark's Golden Delicious is **hardier than the McIntosh.**"—Dobant Bro's, Penobscot Co., Me.



2-YR.-OLD STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS IN KANSAS 9 FT. TALL.
Owned by L. Welty, Rice Co., Kansas, who declares all his to be "very vigorous growers."

Maryland

One Makes One Want More

"Our class in Systematic Pomology tested some Stark's Golden Delicious apples the other day. The quality was **exceptionally fine**. All of the class preferred the **Stark's Golden Delicious**. It seemed to have a little more acid and snap in its taste and made one want more. Texture very fine and tender, flesh juicy and a better keeper."—E. C. Auchter, Head Dept. of Horticulture, Maryland.

Later: It looks as if this variety is **destined to play a prominent part** in certain apple growing regions.—E. C. Auchter.

Remarkable Vigor And Hardiness

"The Stark's Golden Delicious variety is certainly a **wonderful grower**. I have one tree of this variety that is **now 10 feet high**, after being torn down almost to the roots by a dog—it persists in growing."—Andrew J. A. Omers, Baltimore Co., Maryland.

Not 2 Years Old—8 Feet Tall

"Stark's Golden Delicious trees **excel all others in vigor and thriftiness**. I have one Stark's Golden Delicious tree that **isn't two years old**, that is now **8 feet tall**. It is also the **hadiest and most prolific** tree that I have been able to find anywhere. I am now thinking seriously of planting ten thousand more trees, and frankly, I wouldn't think of planting trees from any other nursery than Stark Bro's."—Marshall W. Brooks, Washington Co., Md.

Long Blooming Season.

"My Golden Delicious three years old, has made better growth than any other apple tree I ever planted—and no signs of disease of any kind. Had at least sixty blooms last spring when that awful freeze came which killed all bloom. Other blooms came out later."—Roy H. Singer, Carroll Co., Maryland.

Bore Despite Maryland Frosts

"The Stark's Golden Delicious trees I bought from you 2 years ago have **made a wonderful growth**. They had a lot of blooms this spring and **despite cold weather, with frost, there are half a dozen apples on them now**."—J. E. Toler, Montgomery Co., Maryland.

Better Than Grimes Golden

"I picked two Stark's Golden Delicious apples from my trees this Fall—and the flavor was fine—**very much better than Grimes Golden** and I believe that Stark's Golden Delicious is the coming yellow apple."—B. H. Knepper, Washington Co., Maryland.

Thrifty, Doing Fine.

"My Golden Delicious trees are two years old this fall. They bloomed this summer. The tree is **thrifty—doing fine** and has made more rapid growth than any other variety. It is now **eight inches in circumference**."—Hiram Post, Worchester Co. Maryland.

Massachusetts

SEE PAGE 42—Fred Hinds, Mass.

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Praise From Dr. J. K. Shaw of Mass. Agr. Experiment Station

"Golden Delicious is certainly a variety of good quality, much better than the ordinary line of commercial varieties. The variety is one of strong, vigorous growth, and it has the earmarks of early and regular bearing."—J. K. Shaw, Research Professor of Pomology, Mass. Agr. Exp. Sta.

Certainly Delicious

"Stark's Golden Delicious is certainly a DELICIOUS apple. Fine quality."—Prof. F. C. Sears, Prof. Pomology, Amherst, Mass.

Manager of Famous Bay Road Fruit Farm of Massachusetts Highly Pleased

Mr. E. R. Crichtett, Manager of Bay Road Fruit Farm, near Amherst, Massachusetts, is joint partner in this nationally known orchard with Prof. Sears and Prof. Waugh of Amherst Agricultural College. He says:—

"The Golden Delicious is sure one fine apple and should think it would take well with us. As far as I can see—it has both the finish and quality."—E. R. Crichtett.

Wishes He Had Taken Stark Bro's Advice

H. L. Cross, Ex-President of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association and a large manufacturer, as well as a large grower, says: "I wish I had planted heavily of Stark Delicious ten or twelve years ago when Stark Bro's urged me to plant them. Time has shown that Stark Delicious is a wonderful apple for Massachusetts and I am planting them now, but if I had followed Stark Bro's advice, my trees would have been ten years old by this time."

Editor's note: Stark Bro's are

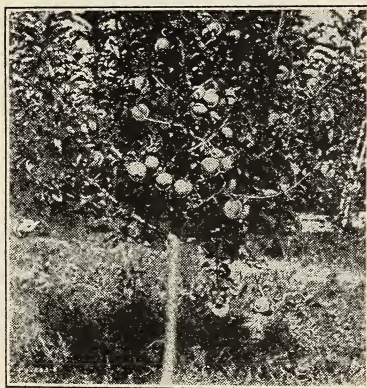
now urging the planting of Golden Delicious. Those who planted Stark Delicious when we advised it years ago are orchardists who have made the big profits. We urge just as strongly the planting of Golden Delicious for it will just as surely make big profits for the man who grows them.

Bore After Mass. Freeze

"I can say that my Stark's Golden Delicious were **not injured by the freezes** and have now (May 16th) bloomed very full. Never saw trees of their age (3 yrs. old) with any such bloom. One tree matured 3 Stark's Golden Delicious apples last year (2nd year)." —C. L. Hildreth, Middlesex Co., Mass.

Bore Both At 2 and 3 Years

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees bore last year when two years old, and they set another nice crop this year. I find this variety **best of all. There has not been a single apple drop off these trees** this summer. At this date, September 27th, the leaves look as green and as healthy as they did in June."—Geo. E. Smith, Bristol Co., Mass.



3-YR-OLD TREE IN MASS.

"I bought this Stark's Golden Delicious of you 3 years ago. It bore big crop this year," writes John Goulding, Middlesex Co., Mass.

Michigan

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SEE PAGE 42—F. D. Straight, Mich.
SEE PAGE 7—Don E. Minor, Mich.

Kept Exceptionally Well Until June

In writing us on receiving, in June, sample of Stark's Golden Delicious picked in the fall previous, Prof. Roy E. Marshall, Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing, Mich., wrote us:—

"These Stark's Golden Delicious apples certainly held up exceptionally well. They very strongly indicate that Stark's Golden Delicious is one of the best keepers."

Bore At 2 Years In Michigan

"I had 2-year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees that bore fruit for me this past summer—**large and nearly perfect apples.**"—E. D. Brooks, Ingham Co., Mich.



TREE 5½ MONTHS OLD IN MICH.

When he sent us this photo, H. T. Bigelow, Van Buren Co., Mich., stated: "The man standing beside tree is 6 ft. 1 in. tall. The Stark's Golden Delicious tree, planted only 5 months and 15 days ago is 7 ft. 4 inches tall."

Michigan Authority Impressed With Late Blooming

"It seems rather remarkable that the tree should bear so heavy a crop this year when other varieties are so complete a failure. If it continues to blossom very late in this way, it is certainly a very valuable variety characteristic."

"From what I have seen of Golden Delicious, I would judge that it is very strong, vigorous grower, at least as young trees. An orchard that has been under my observation this season contains 250 Golden Delicious that were set last spring. The growth that was made during the first season averages from 50% to 100% more than that of the other varieties in the same orchard. Furthermore, it is evident that the flavor leaves little to be desired. It is mild and delicate, but at the same time has enough richness and spiciness to give it real quality. It also seems to have the quality possessed by only a few of our best varieties, that of reaching edible maturity comparatively early in the season and then retaining this quality during a long storage period."

—V. R. Gardner, Professor of Horticulture, University of Mich.

(Editor's Note—Prof. Gardner, when head of the Department of Horticulture in Missouri, planted a large personal orchard including a large block of Stark's Golden Delicious trees.)

Most Wonderful Young Bearer

"Stark's Golden Delicious is the most wonderful variety I ever saw for young bearing. One of my 3-year-old Stark's Golden Delicious trees had sixty apples on it, besides those that fell off in a terrible storm we had. Stark's Golden Delicious apples cling to the tree better than any apple I ever saw."—F. Fluette, Huron Co, Mich.

Minnesota

SEE PAGE 37—E. A. Solseth, Minn.

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Noted Northern Authority Says Most Promising

"All here agreed that the Stark's Golden Delicious is truly a remarkable apple. All are outspoken in its praise. To me there is a distinct Grimes flavor in the Stark's Golden Delicious, with the addition of crispness, sprightliness and juiciness that the Grimes Golden does not possess. It is an apple that will stand up well under shipment and will hold up well in storage, too."

"Golden Delicious is an exceedingly early bearing variety. It is one of the most promising varieties that has been put on the market in recent years. Its quality is equal or better than Grimes. The flavor is sprightly subacid which combined with its richness, gives it a quality equal to, or better than, Grimes. The fruit is borne not only on ordinary fruit spurs, but upon terminal buds and lateral buds. The production of fruit on one-year wood will tend to maintain cropping."—Prof. W. H. Alderman, Chief, Division of Horticulture, University of Minn., St. Paul, Minn.

Never Noticed Cold Winter

"Stark's Golden Delicious trees grow fine in this climate. Last winter we had 30 degrees below zero and this winter the thermometer was down to 24 degrees below. This variety doesn't take any notice of the winter up here. They pull through every winter."—S. N. Shutz, Brown Co., Minn.

Perfectly Hardy in Minn.

"Stark trees seem to be the most vigorous of any I have tried. I believe that the Stark's Golden Delicious variety is O. K. to plant here along the rough bluffs, back and above Winona County. Our trees of this variety have thrived and lived through 36 degrees be-



8½ FT. TALL

WHEN 1 YEAR 7 MONTHS OLD

"My Stark's Golden Delicious have grown splendidly. Pruned back to 2 ft. tall when planted 1 year 7 mos. ago. Now—8 1-2 ft. tall," writes Oscar Adलगun Neosho Co., Kans.

low zero this winter and survived 30 degrees below last winter."—W. K. Bates, Winona Co., Minn.

Hardy in Minnesota

"My Stark's Golden Delicious here are as hardy as Wealthy."—C. F. Lomis, Nicollet Co., Minn.

Bore After 28 Below Zero

"My Stark's Golden Delicious planted two years ago are very hardy—withstanding cold very well and below zero weather (26 to 28 below) has not affected them in the least. One of them bore 5 apples this year—apples large, flavor excellent."—H. T. Schultz, Ramsey Co., Minn.

Grow Fine Despite 35 Below

"Though we have had 35 degrees below zero, your Stark's Golden Delicious trees are growing at a 100 per cent rate here."—A. B. Erickson, Otter Tail Co., Minnesota.

Mississippi

Bear Young—True To Name

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees bloomed and bore in their third year. Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious are the only two varieties that I will ever plant again. These two varieties have been true to name and have proven themselves best for me."—A. W. Palmer, Tippah Co., Miss.

Grew Despite Drought

"I planted Stark's Golden Delicious trees last year. One of them had 7 blossoms on it last year which I consider remarkable. Despite drought they have done wonderfully well and have shown no signs other than health and hardiness. Stark's Golden Delicious is going to be a great apple for this section where blight is generally bad."—Ben H. Jones, Madison Co., Mississippi.

Had Crop At 2 Years In Miss.

"I had Stark's Golden Delicious to bear at 2 years of age. It excels all other varieties."—Wm. M. Kimbrough, Sunflower Co.

Every Tree Bore At 2 Years

"Two years ago I set out 5 Stark's Golden Delicious trees. All of these bore apples this year. The Stark's Golden Delicious trees are better than all the others put together and I am going to plant more this coming spring."—William Vierling, St. Charles Co., Mo.

Bore At 2-Yrs.-Old Despite Hail

"My Stark's Golden Delicious were planted 2 years ago. This year 2 of them bore. One had 4 apples and one other 5 apples. They did this despite the fact that we had a very severe hail storm in blooming time."—C. Wunsch, St. Louis Co., Mo.

Hung On Despite Heavy Wind Storm

"Three years ago I planted some Stark's Golden Delicious trees that are now splendid big trees. One of them bore 10 apples this past summer. A heavy wind storm blew all the fruit off the other trees but the apples on the Stark's Golden Delicious trees stuck on."—John N. Johnson, Franklin Co., Mo.



BORE 147 APPLES WHEN 3 YEARS OLD

The above photo is of another Stark's Golden Delicious three-yr.-old tree in orchard of A. Johnson, Jackson Co., Ore. Note the wonderful clusters of huge golden apples, as thick as they can stick on the branches.

Missouri

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Missouri's Chief in Horticulture Says Public Demands Better Apples

The quality of Golden Delicious is much above the average and seems to be the equal or even better than Jonathan or Grimes. Its good keeping qualities should make it valuable as it will come on the market after the Grimes has been exhausted, and will command a big price. The vigor and hardiness of the tree is also a notable characteristic of this variety and the bearing habit of the tree insures a crop for almost every year. I predict, therefore, a great future for Golden Delicious and it will become, no doubt, one of our most valuable and dependable varieties of apple. The consuming public is now demanding apples of greater quality, better appearance and better keepers. This is another reason why Golden Delicious will be popular.—T. J. Talbert, Professor of Horticulture, Missouri Univ.

All Bore Beautiful Apples

"I planted 6 Stark's Golden Delicious trees two years ago this past spring and every one of them bore this year—all of them having from 4 to 5 apples on each tree. These apples are surely beauties. All my neighbors tell me they are the largest, finest trees of their age they ever saw. All my Stark Trees, and I have 200 of them are doing exceptionally fine. They are mostly Stark Delicious, Black Ben and Jonathan."—G. M. Staples, Benton Co., Mo.

Director Faurot's Opinion

F. W. Faurot, Director of the Missouri Experiment Station, tested a Golden Delicious on June 22nd and wrote us:—

"So far as my observations go, I can not see but what it was in as good condition as samples taken earlier in the season. So far as I am able to judge from what I have seen of this apple at various times, it promises to be as good a storage apple as has ever been introduced, which is a mighty important factor in the consideration of a commercial variety."

In Perfect Condition In Late June

"We received in June, Stark's Golden Delicious apples that were picked last fall. The whole family sampled them and you would have been interested in hearing the delighted expressions from my youngsters. Regarding the apple as to texture and firmness, it is certainly all that could be asked. In my judgment, it is superior to the Grimes. The Stark's Golden Delicious is far superior to all of your other yellow apples."—Prof. L. Haseman, College of Agriculture, University of Mo.

2-Yr.-Old Trees Bear In Missouri

"One of my two year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees bore this past summer. This variety has out grown all other kind of apple trees set out in my orchard at the same time. They are almost twice as large as other apple trees of the same age. Therefore, they are the youngest bearers that I have ever seen in all my experience with fruit trees."—Judge W. E. Elliott, Grundy Co., Missouri.

Every 2-Yr.-Old Tree Blooms and Bears

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees planted two years ago all had blooms and bore fruit this past Spring."—L. Haskill, Texas Co., Missouri.

The Opinion of Missouri's Greatest Son

The late Champ Clark, for eight years Speaker of the House of Representatives and one of the best loved men in American public life, who was our near neighbor, wrote us on November 6th, 1920.

"Golden Delicious is the finest yellow apple I ever saw. The short time in which it comes into bearing; the super-abundance of its crop, together with the fine quality of the fruit is liable to revolutionize the apple business."

All Bore Golden Fruit In 2nd Year

"I bought several Stark's Golden Delicious trees from you 2 years ago this Spring. They bore apples this last season. My Stark's Golden Delicious are doing better and are more thrifty than other trees. We also have some very fine Stark Delicious (red) borne on young trees. All the peach trees I have purchased from you—J. H. Hale, Elberta, Cling, etc., are doing fine and bearing excellent crops."—R. Nance, Pike Co.

Bore Both In 3rd and 4th Year

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees bore in both their third and fourth years. I believe that they are superior to all other varieties. I am well pleased with Stark Delicious also and all other Stark Trees that I have planted."—H. Inman, Douglas Co., Missouri.

Kept Until July 29

"The Stark's Golden Delicious apples exhibited July 29 (crop of last year) were very fine. There can be no doubt but that its keeping quality is remarkable."—D. E. Eicher, Horticultural Agent Frisco R. R., Springfield, Mo.

2 Yr. Old Tree Bears Peck of Apples

"I put out some Stark's Golden Delicious trees 2 years ago this spring. They bore apples this year and proved themselves the

youngest bearer I ever saw. This variety is far ahead of any other apple tree in vigor, thriftiness, disease resistance, late bloomer, hardiness and young bearing. One of these trees bore a peck or more of fine large apples this year when only two years planted. Flavor of the apple is certainly delicious. The Jonathan trees I bought from you are also doing fine."—Sam True, Adair Co., Mo.

One Spray Gives Clean Fruit

"I sprayed a crop of Golden Delicious with a hand Knapsack sprayer—spraying at the time the calyx cup was open. This one spray is the only one that was given this crop but practically all the crop was No. 1 fruit. I couldn't find a single scab or blotch."—Daws Grady, Pike Co.

Youngest Bearer In Orchard

"Two years ago this spring I planted some Stark's Golden Delicious trees. They bloomed the first year and one of them matured one apple. This variety bears much younger than any other tree I have in my orchard. They are hardy and thrifty and free from disease. I have 300 Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious trees and they have all thrived splendidly."—A. C. McNatt, Lawrence Co., Missouri.

Hardier Than Wealthy

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees have made 3 times the growth of all other varieties in my orchard. It is more vigorous and hardier than Wealthy. Furthermore, it seems to be immune from scale and aphid even when other varieties are affected."—O. K. King, Cooper Co., Mo.

Has All Grimes' Virtues—And None Of Grimes' Faults

"The Stark's Golden Delicious is the coming yellow apple without any doubt. The apple has all the good qualities of the Grimes Golden and seemingly none of its faults."—Mrs. W. G. Curd, Rails Co., Missouri.

Montana

Montana Horticulturist Praises

"Samples of Stark's Golden Delicious reached me in January in perfect condition, despite the fact that they had been shipped several thousand miles and exhibited in several apple shows. They were still firm without any defects showing. The flesh was crisp and in fine shape for eating purposes and I certainly think very highly of the variety."—Prof. F. M. Harrington, Horticulturist, Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Montana, Bozeman, Mont.

Nebraska

Nebr. Hort. Says Remarkable Condition

"I received the Golden Delicious shipped to me June 14th. It was in very good condition considering the fact that it had been held over from last year's crop.

LATER:—"I received the fine Golden Delicious. Was in a remarkable condition, considering the conditions and handling it had undergone since harvesting.

"Our Golden Delicious in our experimental planting here are doing very well. I am very much interested in this variety."—Prof. R. F. Howard, Horticulturist, University of Nebraska.

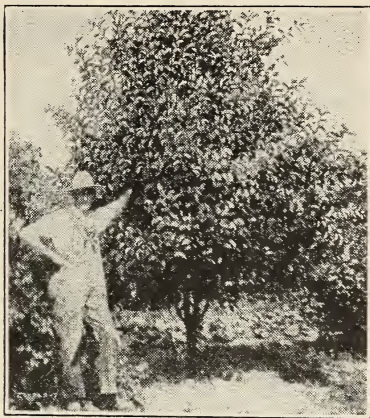
Best Rooted Variety

"The Stark's Golden Delicious variety have the best roots. The most vigorous tree we have ever seen. We planted some a year ago last spring and made another planting of 40 more Stark's Golden Delicious this spring.

"We have not lost a tree of the entire planting."—L. A. Kropp, Otoe Co., Nebraska.

Best Growing Tree In Orchard

"Our Stark's Golden Delicious trees bloomed in their second year. They are the thriftiest growing apple tree we have. We never before had an apple tree bloom when planted only 2 years. We want to also praise your Stark



GREW 4 FT. IN ONE SEASON

"My Stark's Golden Delicious are the finest nursery trees I ever purchased. One of them made a growth of 4 feet in 1 season," writes J. N. Brust, Monongalia Co., W. Va., in sending in above photo. Note symmetrical, upright spreading growth, the ideal strong orchard tree.

Gold Plum. We sold all we could spare of these plums and could have sold hundreds of bushels more."—J. Calder, Jefferson Co.

The Finest, Youngest Bearer

"My Stark's Golden Delicious are the finest of all. Stark's Golden Delicious is by far the youngest bearer. It grows as thrifty as a native Cottonwood tree in the Platte Bottom."—Fred Stolley, Hall Co., Nebraska.

Out Growing Any Other Kind.

"Planted Golden Delicious two years ago. The following summer was hot and dry, but some of them blossomed. Have made a wonderful growth—out-grow any other tree I ever set out."—B. A. Goble, Gage Co., Nebraska.

Not One Tree Failed To Grow

"Of all the Stark's Golden Delicious trees received from you not one failed to grow, although the seasons have been very unfavorable. I am surely satisfied with every tree you sent."—Henry Munster, Douglas Co., Nebraska.

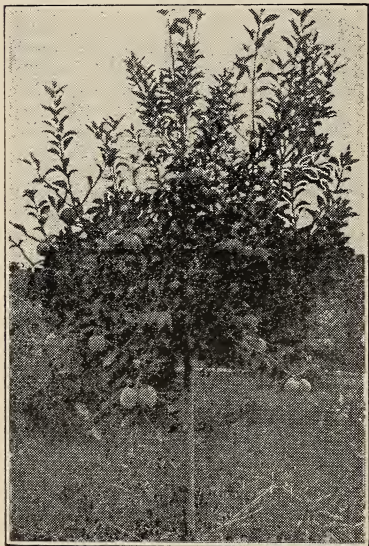
New Hampshire

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New Hampshire State Horticulturist's Opinion.

In a paper which I read before our State Horticultural Society at Nashua, I stated that my observations of Golden Delicious would indicate that the tree is a very vigorous grower and that it fruits more freely on young wood than any other variety I have ever seen. I also noted that an examination of fruit spurs indicated that they fruit very regularly.—Geo. F. Potter, Horticulturist, New Hampshire Experiment Station.

"The Vermont grown Golden Delicious arrived in perfect condition. They were beautiful apples and would command at-



BIG CROP IN 2 YEARS

Here is a photo of Stark's Golden Delicious top-worked on 2-yr. old tree, bearing 42 big apples second season after top-working.—Wm. A. Atkinson, Prop. Blue Spruce Fruit Farms, Cumberland Co., N. J.

tention in any Apple Show. We kept some of them until Christmas day and the fruit was crisp and good. It is quite evident that Golden Delicious is a wonderful shipping apple."—J. C. Kendall, Director of the New Hampshire State College.

Pronounced High Quality In N. H.

"Yesterday I received a sample of Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious (red) and tasted them. At a Farm Bureau meeting last evening the Stark's Golden Delicious was pronounced to be of very high quality in flavor, texture and appearance. The red Delicious was considered to be a high quality apple."—Robert T. Gould, President, N. H. Horticultural Society, Merrimack Co.

Fine Vigorous Trees

"My Golden Delicious are three years old now. One tree has more than a dozen clusters of blossoms and it is a fine vigorous tree. They are good, strong, sturdy trees."—A. H. Bickford, Merrimack Co., New Hampshire.

"My Golden Delicious planted in 1919 and the terminals have bloomed every year since. They are very rapid growers."—E. S. Walker, Belknap Co., N. H.

Nationally Known Editor Says "Finest"

"Golden Delicious is certainly one of the finest apples being grown in America today. It will hold its aroma and flavor until June.—something unusual among apples. I am satisfied this variety is bound to become more and more popular as time goes on."—C. I. Lewis, Editor AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER.

3 Years Old—15 Feet Tall

"I have a Stark's Golden Delicious tree only 3 years old. It is now over 15 feet tall with a spread of about 8 feet. This variety is ahead in everything."—A.M. Becker, Cumberland Co., N. J.

New Jersey

SEE PAGE 4—Seabrook Farms Co., N.J.

SEE PAGE 35—R. E. Forbes, N. J.

SEE PAGE 29—Mr. Riedenbaker, N. J.

SEE PAGE 38—Chas. Riedenbaker, N.J.

No Scald After Keeping 9 Months

"This appears to be a most attractive yellow apple of fine quality. It would seem that another variety has appeared that is going to make a strong bid to place itself in our commercial list."

"The Stark's Golden Delicious apple picked last Fall that we received and ate in late June, year after, arrived here in perfect condition (after 1,000 mile journey in hot June) and did not show any bruises or scald. When eaten it proved to be juicy and had **retained its flavor** very well."—M. A. Blake, Chief in Horticulture, Agricultural Exp. Sta., New Brunswick, N. J.

More Juicy Than Grimes

From report of New Jersey State Horticultural Society:—

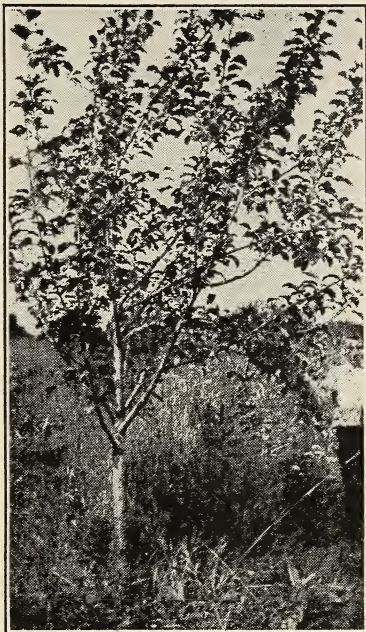
"Specimens of Stark's Golden Delicious received were of good size, attractive and of high quality. The flavor and quality is fully equal and in some respects, **superior to Grimes Golden**. It is more juicy than Grimes Golden and will undoubtedly keep longer in storage."

Grow Better Than Other Varieties

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees planted 3 years ago have made more growth than other varieties in my orchard. 2 of the Stark's Golden Delicious trees bore fruit this past summer. They are now 10 feet high with nice tops. All of the fruit trees that I purchased from you are doing fine."—W Burroughs, Atlantic Co.

Bear At 15 Mos.—Keep Perfectly

"My Stark's Golden Delicious made a very splendid growth during the past 27 months since planting. I am enclosing herewith a small kodak view taken last month



**BORE OVER 100 APPLES AT
27 MONTHS**

This photo above was sent in by A. Russell Paul, Warren Co., N. J. Think of a tree bearing 12 apples at 15 months — and over 100 apples at 27 months. He declares it is the "youngest, heaviest bearer of over 15 varieties."

which shows more clearly than words can tell of the early bearing ability of the variety. It has **something over a hundred nice apples** on at the present time.

"The few apples which the tree bore last year **kept very well until about New Years** when they were so tempting looking that we ate them. They were then as **sound and fine looking as when they were picked off the tree**. Their flavor was certainly delicious too. I think it is truly the best apple I ever had in my orchards."—A. Russell Paul, Warren Co., N. J.

Grow Big—Bear Young

"I have Stark's Golden Delicious trees that bloomed and bore this past year. The trees are **growing very nicely**. One of my Stayman Winesaps now 2 years old had 10 good sized apples on it this past summer."—Lester E. Bates, Westmont Co., N. J.

Bore 6 Apples At 2 Years

"There were 6 apples on one Stark's Golden Delicious tree this year. This tree was set out 2 years ago. The trees do fine with us, at the present time (Oct. 25th) they are still full leaved and green."—B. H. Reed & Sons, Merceer Co., N. J.

Never Saw Any Variety Grow Like It.

"I have Stark's Golden Delicious that bore at 2 years old. Never saw anything grow like Stark's Golden Delicious."—J. S. Robbins, Monmouth Co., N. J.



**NOT 2 YRS. OLD
BUT 8 ft. 4 in. TALL**

When Wm. F. Krick, Lebanon Co., Pa., sent in the above photo he wrote:—"This Stark's Golden Delicious tree is 8 ft. 4 inches tall with 4 ft. 2 in. spread, though it won't be 2 years planted until next Spring."

New Mexico

Most Attractive—N. Mex. Hort.

"Stark's Golden Delicious certainly looks fine and it is the most attractive yellow apple I have seen in a long time."—Fabian Garcia, State Hort., N. Mexico.

3-Yr.-Old Tree Bears 100 Apples

"My Stark's Golden Delicious planted 3 years ago all bloomed and **bore apples this year**. One of these apple trees had almost 100 apples on it. All the Stark trees I bought have done very well."—Enoch Bible, Otero Co., N. Mexico.

Grew Despite Drought

"I planted some Stark's Golden Delicious trees 2 years ago this spring. In vigor and thriftiness they are simply fine. Despite the extreme drought here this year they stood up and made a **splendid growth**."—John Foster, Curry Co., New Mexico.

Disease Resistant and Vigorous

"Stark's Golden Delicious is a **very vigorous grower, very thrifty and disease resisting, a very late bloomer and early bearer**. All trees of all kinds which I ordered from Stark Bro's have done extremely well, and **no disease has appeared**."—O. L. Whitten, Dona Ana Co., N. M.

5 Out of 6 Two-Yr-Old Trees Bore

"Two years ago I set out 6 Stark's Golden Delicious trees. I find that they **excel all others**. Not only have they made a **wonderful growth**, but 5 out of 6 bore from 2 to 21 apples each this year. This variety is the youngest bearer I have ever seen and are all **vigorous trees**. In fact all the trees I have bought from Stark Bro's have been full of vigor."—William Coalson, Sierra Co., New Mexico.

New York

SEE PAGE 19—Prof. Bailey, N. Y.

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SEE PAGE 5—Dudley A. Palmer, N. Y.

SEE PAGE 7—A. D. VanCleve, N. Y.

Large and Extra Good Says Ex-Dean of Cornell Agr. College.

"Golden Delicious—A large attractive yellow apple of uniform color. Texture fine grained, solid and consistent, flavor unusually good, pronounced aromatic quality."—Dr. L. H. Bailey, Ex-Dean of Cornell Agr. College and nationally known author of horticultural and agricultural books.

Hedrick of N. Y. Recommends It

"Golden Delicious Apple.—Golden Delicious is creating the sensation of the times among apple growers. It is being more widely talked about than any other sort, and apple growers everywhere want to know about it. Such fruits of Golden Delicious as have been seen by the writer have appeared promising indeed. They are **excellent in quality**, being often better in this character than the well-known Grimes Golden, with which it must be compared.—U. P. Hedrick, New York State Experiment Station, in Rural New Yorker.

Flesh Still Firm In June

"Received Stark's Golden Delicious apple picked last Fall. It arrived in excellent condition in June. The flesh was firm and solid as could be. Four or five of us here ate it with great satisfaction. It has a **delightful taste**.

"This seems to me like a remarkably good fruit. It is larger than our Grimes Golden and I believe of a more agreeable flavor. In fact this looks to me like a genuine acquisition."—H. W. Collingwood, Editor The Rural New Yorker.



2-YR.-OLD TREE BEARS 9 APPLES

Dr. K. L. Storm, Bucks Co., Penna. wrote, when sending in above photo:—"It had 9 good, fine apples on it—when only 2 yrs. old. It is 9 ft. tall, with 5 ft. spread. Vigorous, Healthy, Free from disease."

Delightful Flavor Late In June

"The Stark's Golden Delicious apple picked last Fall that I ate this June was very pleasant in texture, and was delightful. The apple was **sound in texture and appearance** was beautiful. It is of very high quality.

"The Stark's Golden Delicious apple trees have made an excellent growth in our test orchards—and we all think highly of them."—W. H. Chandler, Prof. of Pomological Research, N. Y. Agric. Col. at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

2-Yr.-Old N. Y. Tree Bears Fruit

"My Stark's Golden Delicious bore fruit this year—tree set out 2 years ago. All the trees have **grown fine**."—Wm. Uber, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

N. Y. Officially Praises It

"Stark's Golden Delicious is described as a beautiful, golden yellow apple with excellent flavor and very late keeping qualities. The trees of this variety are hardy and productive."—excerpt from New Bulletin from Horticulturist of New York, Exp. Sta.

3-Yr.-Old Tree Bore 50 Apples

"I have Stark's Golden Delicious now 3 years old. Last year one of the trees bore 5 apples. This year there were about 50 apples on the same tree."—Robert Prichard, Oneida Co., N. Y.

20 Trees—All Bore When 2 Years Old

"Out of 20 Stark's Golden Delicious trees that we bought of you 2 years ago some had 2 or 3 apples each on them this year. They have grown faster than any other variety. I expect a full crop on both the Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious (red) next year."—J. A. Gale, Ulster Co., New York.

Bore When Others Failed

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees 3 years old have made exceptionally fine growth and have always been free from disease. One of these trees now has 12 apples on it. Other varieties of the same age did not bear any this year."—V. W. Rhodes, Oneida Co., New York.

Will Command Highest Market

"Stark's Golden Delicious apples will command the highest market prices. It is an apple of very high quality."—A. D. Van Cleve, Niagara Co., N. Y.

Bore At 3 Years

"I planted your smallest size Stark's Golden Delicious trees 3 years ago. One of them now has 8 apples on it. I find this variety very thrifty and vigorous also hardy and young bearing."—L. F. Underhill, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

North Carolina

SEE PAGE 43—Lum Calhoun, N. C.

SEE PAGE 35—J. R. Osborne, N. C.

SEE PAGE 39—E. N. Ricks, N. C.

North Carolina State Official Pleased With Stark's Golden Delicious

"The Stark's Golden Delicious sample apple that I received late in December reached me in splendid condition. The quality, and flavor were exceptionally good. I believe it will be a very valuable variety for this apple section."—Prof. C. B. Matthews, State Horticulturist, North Carolina Exp. Sta.

Wonderful Young Bearing Record

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees are now 2 years old. They had some apples on them this year, the second season since planting. These trees are strong, vigorous and rapid growers. I honestly believe that you have the greatest apples on earth in Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious

I don't know what it is about Stark Trees that makes them grow and bear so well but they are better than anything I have ever seen in the way of fruit trees, and I have been over 20 different states."—E. N. Ricks, Wayne Co., North Carolina.

North Dakota

North Dakota Expert Prefers It

"The sample of Stark's Golden Delicious apples that had been shipped several thousand miles and exhibited in various apple shows, reached me in late December. While it has all the good qualities of Grimes Golden in flavor, it has a texture and juiciness far superior to Grimes. All these factors, coupled with its long keeping and young bearing qualities, warrant the faith that you have in this variety. This young bearing feature is one of the most important of all, especially from the standpoint of growers in the North."—Prof. A. F. Yeager, North Dakota Exp Sta.

Ohio

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SEE PAGE 18—Prof. Gourley, Ohio.

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SEE PAGE 26—Prof. Green, Ohio.

A New Edition Of Grimes— But A Longer Season.

I perhaps cannot add to what I have already said in regard to Golden Delicious. It seems so much like a new edition of Grimes, but with a longer season and at least equal quality (sometimes we think better) and that is saying a good deal. The trees I saw last summer at your place were an interesting sight, fruiting from spurs and freely from axillary buds. This condition should insure annual flowering of the tree.—Prof. J. H. Gourley, Chief in Horticulture, Ohio Experiment Station.

Keeps Full Flavor Until March

"I ate in January a Stark's Golden Delicious picked last Fall. Again in March, I ate another one of the variety harvested late last fall. The apple I ate in March showed no loss of flavor as compared with the one eaten in January. There was no mealiness. All who tasted it expressed themselves as much pleased with the flavor and texture."—W. J. Green, Ohio State Ext. Horticulturist, Wooster, Ohio.

Golden Delicious Apples Have Long, Tough Stems—Don't Drop

"Grimes Golden have short stems and are subject to break loose at base on account of their short stem. Necessarily you will nearly always get about one-third of them in wind falls, this long stem on Golden Delicious develops strength, gets tough because it gets exercise from chance to vibration of winds."—Harvey Bowman, Clark Co., Ohio.

"In A Class By Itself"

"Stark's Golden Delicious is in a class by itself. It is the first apple I ever saw bear fruit on 1-year wood like the peach."—D. L. Swartz, Fairfield Co., Ohio.

Freest From Disease

"I think the Stark's Golden Delicious is freer from disease than any other variety. They bore at 2 years of age and bore again this year."—A. S. Kissack, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.

Long Blooming Season

"Golden Delicious blooms for one month."—G. L. Swartz, Fairfield Co., Ohio.

Full Of Fine Fruit Despite Freeze

"3 years ago last spring I planted some Stark's Golden Delicious trees. One of them bore last year and several had crops on them this year. In vigor, thriftiness, disease resistance, late blooming, hardiness and young bearing, Stark's Golden Delicious is better than any other variety I have."—Lora A. Huston, Mahoning Co., Ohio.



OHIO STARK'S GOLDEN
DELICIOUS

A. Kissack, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio sends in above photo, saying:—"Here's a photo of that Stark's Golden Delicious tree that bore all those apples we sent you this year."

Oklahoma

SEE PAGE 33—J. P. Lawrence, Okla.

Unsurpassed Eating Qualities

"Its rich golden color, combined with delightful aroma and unsurpassed eating qualities make the Stark's Golden Delicious the **most wonderful yellow apple produced**. It is an apple that when displayed will attract the buyer's eye in competition with any variety grown and one that will fulfill the **promise of its looks**. Let me congratulate you on this superior apple—Stark's Golden Delicious."—Elva C. Barrows, Tulsa Co., Oklahoma.

Extra Big For Their Age

"I found Stark's Golden Delicious trees very thrifty. They are extra big for their age. All of them doing fine. As a result of buying fruit trees from Stark Bro's, I want to say that I **wouldn't buy any fruit trees from any other nursery I know** Stark trees are the best in the world."—F. Adair, Muskogee Co., Okla.



BORE AT 2 YRS.—NOTE SIZE

J. P. Lawrence, McCurtain Co., Okla., sent in the above photo and says:—"These Stark's Golden Delicious were set out 2 years ago this Fall and set several apples last Spring. The trees are a good deal larger than other trees set out a whole year before."

Oregon

SEE PAGE 32—A. Johnson, Oregon.

SEE PAGE 29—R. K. McCobban, Ore.

SEE PAGE 30—E. J. Stewart, Ore.

Holds Quality Until June After Harvest

"We received a Stark's Golden Delicious apple in June, that had been picked the fall of the year before. Every one of the six or seven men here, including our Director, also sampled this apple, and agreed that for **texture, quality, long keeping and general appearance**, this is one of the best varieties that has ever come under our observation."—Prof. W. S. Brown, Chief in Horticulture, Oregon Agricultural College.

96 Big Apples on 3 Year Old Tree

"I picked 96 big fine apples off of one of my 3 year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees this year. Other trees of this same variety that I have bore 14 apples each. These trees have made **wonderful growth**. They are from 1-3 to 1-2 larger than any other variety in my orchard and **they bear younger**. The Stark's Golden Delicious trees have the **biggest apples I grow**."—Walter E. Meyer, Linn Co., Oregon.

Not Troubled With Aphis

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees now 3 years old bore 6 apples this year which were very fine ones. The tree is **thrifty and a vigorous grower**. This variety was not troubled with green Aphis."—O. L. Kennedy, Multnomah Co., Oregon.

Bears "Almost As Soon As Strawberries"

"The Stark's Golden Delicious apple tree shipped me two years ago set apples and is making a **prolific growth**. It is very satisfactory to be able to sample the fruit in so short a time from date of planting—almost as soon as strawberries. We shouted a loud hurrah! for Stark's Golden Delicious when the blossoms appeared."—G. W. Sheppard Washington Co., Oregon.

Pennsylvania

SEE PAGE 24—Prof. Fletcher, Pa.

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SEE PAGE 19—F. M. Fagan, Pa.

SEE PAGE 43—Dr. K. L. Storm, Pa.

SEE PAGE 43—Wm. E. Heileg, Pa.

SEE PAGE 44—R. A. Knisely, Pa.

SEE PAGE 32—Wm. Heileg, Pa.

Kept In Common Cellar Until Trees Blossomed Next Year

"Stark's Golden Delicious apples were good in my common cellar storage until long after blossoms of the following year's crop had fallen. An apple which will keep good as long as this apple does, is certainly a wonder."—J. Horace McFarland, Pres. Am. Rose Society, Dauphin Co., Pa.

Yielded Fruit When All Others Failed

"My Stark's Golden Delicious are 2 years old. They bore this year when all others failed on account of frost. It seems hardier than other varieties."—C. H. Walp, Bucks Co., Penna.

Bore At 3-Yrs.—Despite Frosts

"My Stark's Golden Delicious bloomed at 2 years and bore at 3 years. Though frosts and freezes took all other apples in this country, my Stark's Golden Delicious did fine. The trees had a lot of blooms on them and were beautiful."—Harper McGaffick, Beaver Co., Pennsylvania.

Hold Bigger Crops Than Grimes Golden

I have Stark's Golden Delicious trees in my orchard some of which were planted 4 years ago and some 3 years ago. The 4 year old trees all had a full crop this past summer. The 3 year old trees bore 8 to 10 apples each. This variety of apple trees is blessed with stiff, strong branches. The trees will hold a heavier load than Grimes Golden. The Stark's Golden Delicious apples are certainly a beautiful fruit."—S. L. Zellers, Lycoming Co., Pa.

Extra Vigorous Variety

"I found Stark's Golden Delicious very thrifty and vigorous.

"My orchard of about 40-acres is composed almost exclusively of Stark Delicious and Stark's Golden Delicious. They are all doing well."—Dr. John M. Gelwix, Franklin Co., Pa.

Absolutely Free From Disease

"The Stark's Golden Delicious I planted are now two years old. They are absolutely free from diseases. They are all very good growers and have clean bark. It may interest you to know that trees bought from you have better roots and arrive just as fresh as trees from near by nurseries."—Edward M. Kerper, Berks Co., Pa.

2-Yr.-Old Tree Bears 25 Apples

"I have Stark's Golden Delicious trees now 2 years planted. One of these trees bore 25 apples and one other bore 20 apples."—Paul Wolf, Mercer Co., Pennsylvania.



BORE 5 BU. WHEN 4 YRS. OLD

M. H. Manger, Berks Co., Penn., sent in above photo, stating:—"This Stark's Golden Delicious tree is 4 yrs. old and bore 5 bu. this year. It's 12 feet tall, with 12 ft. spread."

Rhode Island

SEE PAGE 40—A. W. Vose, R. I.

In Same Class As Stark Delicious

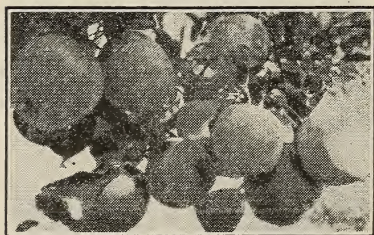
"I have often wondered why this new Golden Delicious apple was also given the name "Delicious" and your sample answered the question quite satisfactorily. The two apples are indeed very much on the same plane with regard to quality."—A. E. Stene, Director, Rhode Island State College.

Perfectly Hardy

"I have found my Stark's Golden Delicious trees **perfectly hardy** and **very young bearers**. They have **grown splendidly** for me and my 2 year old Golden Delicious trees bore this year. Every Stark tree I have is **alive** and **growing fine**."—Elbert A. Sisson, Newport Co., Rhode Island.

Free From Disease Trouble

"I noticed this year that where other varieties gave me very much trouble from different apple tree diseases, Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark trees gave me no such trouble at all. My 3 year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees **blossomed and bore** this year."—C. W. Stadig, Richland Co., R. I.



STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS
IN UTAH

Dr. Sumner Gleason, Davis Co., Utah, the originator of the Stark Early Elberta peach, sends in the above photo, saying:—"Look at this big lot of big apples on this Stark's Golden Delicious, top-worked only 3 years ago.

South Carolina

Bore At 2 Years in South Carolina

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees are 3 years old this fall. This year, when just a little over 2 years old, they bore fruit. This variety seems to be **immune from disease** and **grows splendidly**."—Mrs. E. D. Richardson, Pickens Co., S. C.

South Dakota

In Good Condition Until April

"I received on March 12 a Stark's Golden Delicious apple picked last Fall. I kept it in a steam heated office until the first of April—and the flesh was still in good condition. It is an apple that keeps well and among the best in quality."—N. E. Hansen, Prof. of Horticulture, Brookings.

A Marvel For Young Bearing

"I regard Stark's Golden Delicious as being a marvel for young bearing. This spring I was surprised to find Stark's Golden Delicious blossoming from the terminal buds and it matured about 2 dozen apples this fall. I am sorry that I cannot send you any specimens, but they won't keep in my household—they taste too good. Those Stark's Golden Delicious trees **lived through two of our worst winters**."—W. A. Simmons, President South Dakota Horticultural Society.

Utah

Hits The Spot

"The Golden Delicious sent me surely "hit the spot." If all Golden Delicious are as good as the sample sent, it is the best of all yellow apples that I have tested."—Tracy H. Abel, Acting Horticulturist, Utah Exp. Station.

8 Apples On 2 Year Trees in Utah

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees are 2 years old. One of these had 8 fine apples on it this year. It is a **fine, thrifty variety**."—B. L. Dart, Duchesne Co., Utah.

Tennessee

SEE PAGE 25—Prof. Bentley, Tenn.
SEE PAGE 41—L. T. Stringer, Tenn.

Every Tree Bore At 3 Years

"The Stark's Golden Delicious are the most beautiful trees in my young orchard. Those that are now 3 years old bore 13 to 25 yellow apples each. I have two neighbors who put in orchards the same time I planted mine. They planted stock from other nurseries. Most of mine bore this year and my young orchard was a beautiful sight. On the other hand, my two neighbors are going to have to replant their orchards this year."—Mrs. Charles L. Sanders, Davidson Co., Tenn.

Blooms On Laterals, Terminals and Spurs

"The Stark's Golden Delicious is a superior variety in every way. I find that it bloomed on laterals and terminals as well as on spurs. Have been growing Stark Trees for over 25 years."—J. W. Waite, Bedford Co., Tenn.

No Disease—Full of Fruit

"I find all my Stark's Golden Delicious trees healthy and vigorous. They are free from disease. All my trees were full of fruit."—H. B. Heishell, Rhea Co., Tenn.

Young Bearers Of Largest Apple

"My Stark's Golden Delicious trees bore at 3 years old. They are the best trees I have in my orchard. The apples they bear are the best flavor, the largest and the best keepers of any yellow apple."—B. A. Johnson, Hawkins Co.

Bore When 9 Months Planted

"My Stark's Golden Delicious that were set out just two years ago bore this year. One of them actually bore fruit only 9 months after being planted. It was set out in the late fall and had good sized apples on it the next August. I find Stark's Golden Delicious trees much healthier. They stand the hot weather better and grow much faster."—John P. Staub, Knox Co., Tenn.

Texas

Bore Fine Crop—Despite Frost

"Fruit was almost all killed here this year by late frost, but my 2 year old Stark's Golden Delicious had 9 big apples—the most delicious we have ever had."—J. H. Schafer, Lorain Co., Texas.

Stand Drought Better Than Others

"The Stark's Golden Delicious that I planted 3 years ago are the best looking trees I have ever seen. They have shown no signs of disease. Hot weather does not seem to hurt them and they can stand drought better than other varieties."—J. N. Tholl, Tarrant Co., Texas.

Never Shown Any Disease Signs

In my orchard, Stark's Golden Delicious is exceptionally vigorous and no signs of disease. These trees are very young bearers, also. Have borne apples when only two years old. It is undoubtedly the fastest growing variety of all my 3000 fruit trees. I have planted nothing other than Stark Trees for 12 years. They have always given me perfect satisfaction."—A. J. Tippit, Brewster Co., Texas.



STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS TREE, 1 YR. OLD—8 FT. 3 in. TALL
Grew 76 inches from Spring to Fall despite complete drought from June to Oct.
Photo by Henry A. Wills, Jack Co., Texas.

Vermont

SEE PAGE 5—C. L. Witherell, Vt.

Vermont Authority Pronounces It Fine

"My associates helped me to eat the Golden Delicious and judge its merits. We pronounced it fine. It seems to me in **very fine condition** (Feb. 1) and if we could grow Golden Delicious apples in Vermont and have them in as good condition as those you sent, I think it would be a very good variety for us here."—M. B. Cummings, Professor of Horticulture, Vermont Agr. Ext. Sta.

(Editor's Note—Vermont and other northern sections are producing some of the best crops of Golden Delicious and commercial orchardists have quickly recognized their value for the north.)

Surpasses Other Varieties In Vigor

"One of my 3 year old Stark's Golden Delicious bore this past year. It surpasses most other varieties in vigor and thriftiness."—F. B. Randall, Bennington Co.



2-YR.-OLD VIRGINIA TREE

H. D. Didier, Roanoke Co., Va., writes, in sending in above photo:—"This is one of my 2-yr.-old Stark's Golden Delicious bearing 14 apples."

Virginia

SEE PAGE 15—Prof. Ralston, Va.

SEE PAGE 41—G. J. Hopkins, Va.

SEE PAGE 40—G. B. Garst, Va.

SEE PAGE 41—C. H. Stockey, Va.

SEE PAGE 43—R. L. Graham, Va.

Va. Authority Lauds It

"I consider the Stark's Golden Delicious apple very attractive in appearance and of **excellent quality**."—H. L. Price, Dean of Agriculture, Virginia Agric. Exp. Sta.

Finest Eating Apple

"I think that Stark's Golden Delicious is first among apples for eating qualities. The Stark's Golden Delicious at the Virginia Horticulturists Meeting at Roanoke, Va., early in December made a hit. This variety was the **leading sensation** of the exhibit. Our 1500 Stark Trees, practically all Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious, reached us a few days ago. It was the finest lot of nursery stock I have ever seen."—J. Flint Waller, Augusta Co., Va.

Beautiful Apples

"People who attended the Virginia Horticultural Meeting at Roanoke last week were very much interested in samples of Stark's Golden Delicious displayed there. I **encouraged our people here to plant Stark Delicious** when introduced some years ago and they have not been disappointed. I feel sure that they will be equally pleased with the new Stark's Golden Delicious."—W. O. Martin, County Agent, Craig Co., Va.

Healthy, Though Trees Nearby Were Diseased

"I saw Stark's Golden Delicious apples in bearing in Garland Hopkins orchard. The Stark's Golden Delicious were **free from disease** and of good size while others were small and faulty."—T. J. Harwell, Dinwiddie Co., Virginia.

"Stark's Golden Delicious, planted 2 years ago are now 12 feet 4 inches high with large spreading heads."—G. T. Napier, Lee Co.,

Washington

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A Bright Future In The Northwest.

Prof. O. M. Morris, head of the Department of Agriculture of the Washington Agricultural College writes: "I am interested in Golden Delicious and its development. From what I can learn, it seems to have a bright future here in the Northwest."

3-Year-Old Tree Bore Larger Apples Than Stark Delicious

"The 3 year old Stark's Golden Delicious trees that I have bore this year. One bore 6 apples—larger than Stark Delicious. The apples I raised this year are 10 inches around from stem to stem and 9 inches around the middle. Furthermore, Stark's Golden Delicious trees are very vigorous growers. Every one that sees these trees are **surprised at the size of the fruit** they are bearing."—Herman Klotz, King Co., Wash.

"Very Heavy Producer" For American Fruit Growers, Inc.

"The Stark's Golden Delicious variety of apple tree is a fine bearing type and I believe will prove a **very heavy producer**. The apple it bears is one of **wonderful quality, of attractive appearance and of good keeping ability**."—American Fruit Growers, Inc.,

2 Year Tree Bears 84 Apples.

I have three Golden Delicious trees two years old. One had 84 apples; one 37 and the other 21. They were loaded with bloom and are now loaded with **lovely apples**, larger than the apples on my Stark Delicious tree."—L. Weaver, Whatcom Co., Wash.



WONDERFUL GROWTH AT 3 YRS.
"This tree bore 19 apples this year."
writes Thomas D. Walls, King Co., Wash.

West Virginia

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Commercial Qualities Excellent Says W. Va., Orchard Authority

Prof. H. L. Crane, Associate Horticulturist of West Virginia said:—"Considering the way this variety bears I believe it will take the place of Ben Davis as a 'barrel filler'. In addition to this, it has splendid appearance, high quality and late keeping. The strong wood **bears these terrific loads without breaking**—a very important point in a commercial variety. Because of its long stems, the **fruit does not drop**—another important commercial factor. In spite of the immense crop of Golden Delicious that I

saw, more than 50 % of the apples would run 72 to the bushel box."

(Editor's Note—72's are very large, fully 75 % larger than many commercial sorts.)

A Golden Delicious Planter Writes to Another Orchardist.

"I have had thirteen years experience in orcharding, setting out an average of 1000 trees per year and I have never seen such a grower as the Golden Delicious. My trees are now two years old and are making remarkable growth. Golden Delicious is giving the public a new standard of apple quality with which the older varieties find it very difficult to compete. It is spicy, fragrant, rich and a long keeper. The trees have a wonderful root system. I planted 1000 and never lost a single tree."—O. O. Sutton, Broxton Co., West Virginia.

Most Prolific Bearer

"The Stark's Golden Delicious trees which I planted two years ago have apples on them this year. They are more prolific than any other variety of trees I have ever planted. I think they are doing remarkably well."—J. Hensen Whetzel, Hardy Co., W. Va.

Youngest Bearer In This Locality

"Stark's Golden Delicious proved to be the youngest bearing, we have ever had in this locality. Trees of that variety that I planted 2 years ago bloomed splendidly and bore fruit this year."—James W. Porter, Wayne Co., W. Va.

Hardest Trees I Ever Saw

"My Stark's Golden Delicious are now 3 years old. They bore at 2 years and they again bore this year, despite the fact that all my other varieties failed on account of the frost. This variety is the hardest I ever saw, and grow the fastest. Both Stark's Golden Delicious and Stark Delicious are even more than you claim."—J. P. Canon, Greenbrier Co., W. Va.

Wisconsin

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A Remarkable Apple Says Wisconsin Secretary

(The following report was written by Secretary Crane field some years ago when he first investigated this variety. Since that time the hardiness and frost resistant qualities of the Golden Delicious have been thoroughly demonstrated and proved by large numbers of practical fruit growers not only in Wisconsin, but in other northern sections such as Minnesota, Canada, Maine, etc. See chapter on hardiness.)

"The Golden Delicious is certainly a remarkable apple both as to color and quality but more particularly as to its habits of bearing. It bears apparently in a wholly impartial way both from lateral and terminal buds as well as from spurs.

"Numerous unsolicited testimonials and photographs in the offices of Stark Bro's testify to the very early bearing habit of this variety, trees at two years bearing a dozen or more fruits. Trees of this age were too young of course, to have formed spurs and must have borne from lateral buds.

"If this apparent tendency holds under varying conditions of soil and treatment then we have a new apple of very great merit. So far as Wisconsin is concerned it must be tested thoroughly for hardiness before it can be recommended for planting in commercial orchards."—Frederic Crane field, Secretary Wisconsin State Horticultural Society.

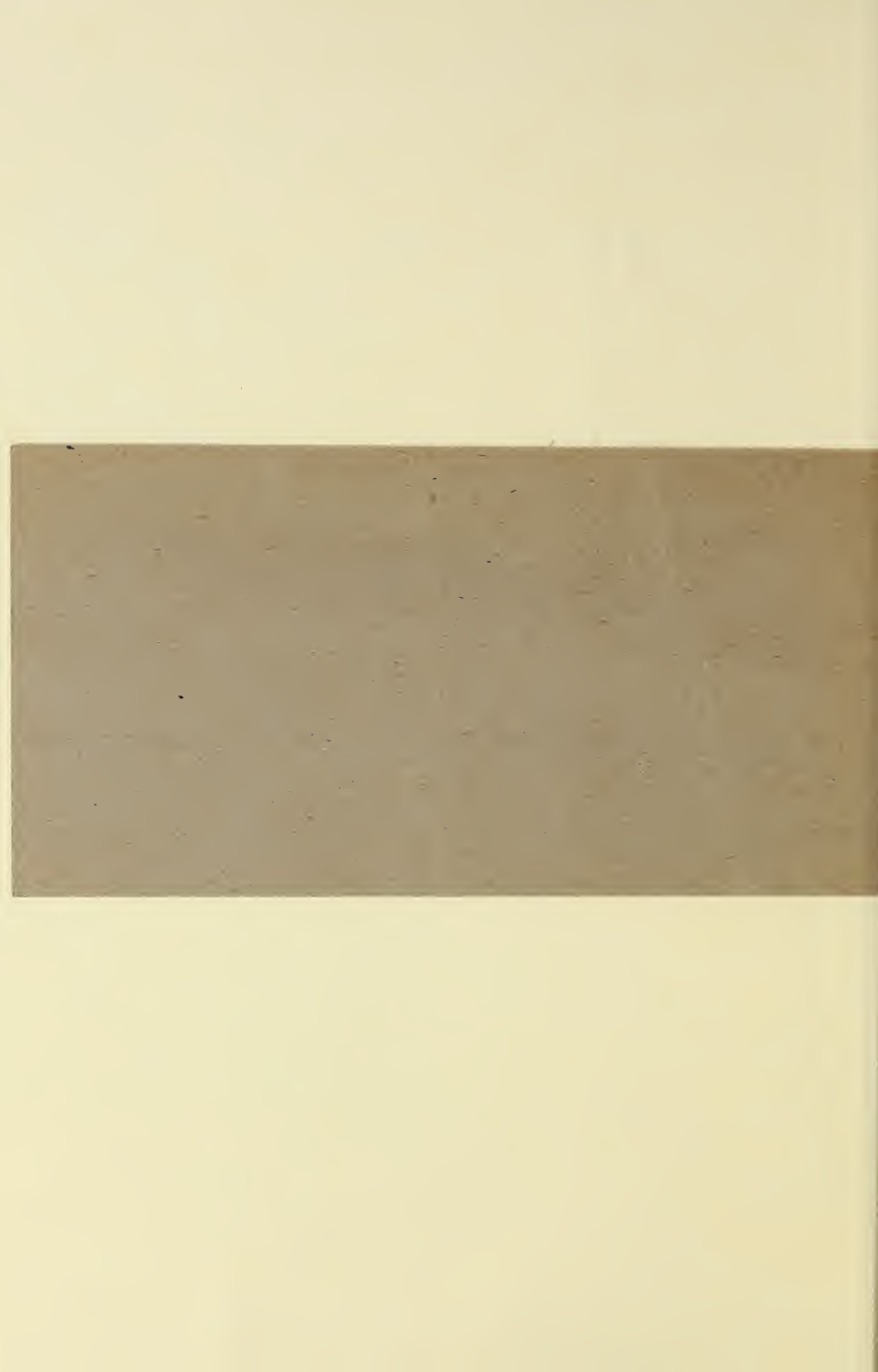
Hardy as Wealthy or Snow

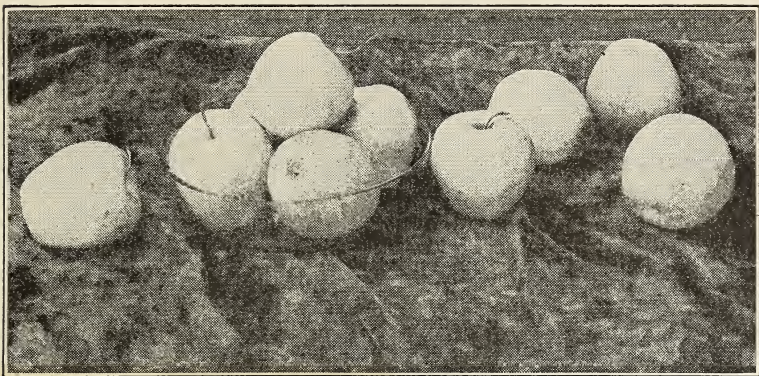
The tree can stand as much cold as Wealthy or Snow. They had ten blossoms on them this year."—Sebastain Zangwirth, Winnebago Co., Wis.

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The above photo shows Stark's Golden Delicious on Feb. 1st. after they had been shipped 2100 miles, placed in and taken out of storage three times and again re-shipped over 1000 miles. J. Horace McFarland, Pres. Am. Civic Association assisted us in these severe tests—he was astounded at their wonderful ability to retain flavor after the many shipments and rough handling.

Canada

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Hardy As Wealthy.

It is suprising how the Stark's Golden Delicious trees have grown, clean and all right with a wide top. I think they have some fruit buds. I believe that they are as hardy as Wealthy.—R. J. Wiggins, Quebec, Canada.

Most Vigorous Growing Tree

"We have found Stark's Golden Delicious to be the most vigorous growing tree in our orchard. It is also a very late bloomer.. The color of this apple is lighter than Grimes Golden at picking time, but at eating time, about March, is much more brilliant and a little deeper shade. We have found the growth of buds so strong in this variety that 3 large apples matured on one bud in many cases. A few buds matured as many as 5 apples of good size."—Evans Bro's, Penticton, B. C., Canada.

Canadian Official Praises Its Long Keeping Qualities

"Late in December I received a specimen of the Stark's Golden Delicious apple. It arrived in good condition and was of very good quality."—Prof. W. T. McCoun, Dominion Horticulturist, Central Exp. Farm, Ottawa Can.

Stood Long Zero Winter In Canada

"This has been the longest and coldest winter we have had since we planted our Stark's Golden Delicious trees. It froze early in November and stayed cold until the first of March, frost going into the ground about 3 feet. The Stark's Golden Delicious trees look all right and are fine and healthy."—J. Crosby, Penticton, B. C., Canada.

Bears A Bushel Of Apples

"I am sending you today a photo of the 3-year old Stark's Golden Delicious tree, taken the day before we picked a bushel box of apples from it."—Mrs. A. A. Paporth, Kalso, B. C. Canada.

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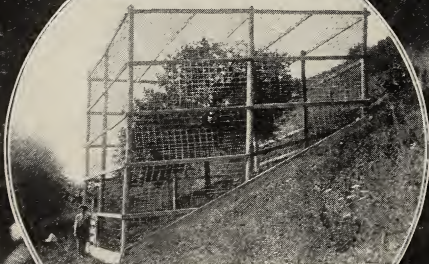


THREE-YEAR-OLD STARK'S GOLDEN DELICIOUS BEARING SECOND BIG CROP

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